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RUSSIANS BEHIND ARMS PLOT.

IRISH GUNMEN PAID BY SOVIET.

BANKNOTES TRACED TO THEIR RUSSIAN SOURCE.

LONDON CONSPIRACY.

London, Apr. 19.
The discovery that the London arms conspiracy was probably instigated by Russia was disclosed in the House of Commons to-day, when in reply to questions, Sir William Joynson-Hicks confirmed that a number of Bank of England notes found in the possession of the three Irish gunmen arrested on March 27th, have been traced back to a Russian bank in Britain.
The Home Secretary said that in consequence of the establishment of this fact, he was making inquiries into the circumstances, but he expressed himself as satisfied that Russian money was being used in attempts to foment revolutionary action in Great Britain.

The three Irishmen arrested were Michael O'Flanagan, Laurence Godfrey and Michael Burke. They were sentenced at Marlborough Street for the possession of fire-arms. During subsequent inquiries, the Police discovered a large number of arms dumps in London, but succeeded in dispersing the gang at work.

Complete Evidence.

"I have the most complete evidence that a large number of Treasury Notes issued by a Russian Bank in Britain have passed into the possession of the Communist Party and from thence to the Communist organisers all over Britain," said Sir William Joynson-Hicks, speaking at Leamington, and amplifying his statement in the House of Commons.
He referred at length to the Soviet intrigues abroad, drawing particular attention to China, where, he said, the position had much improved because China had discovered Moscow's aims.
"But, their crimes and murders will continue and that kind of thing has got to stop. It has stopped momentarily in China, but the Soviet machinations have recently been apparent in Japan."

So-Called Traders.

The Home Secretary was asked in the Commons by Mr. G. M. Kindersley whether in view of the fact that Bank of England notes found on persons described as Irish gunmen arrested before Easter for being in illegal possession of firearms had been traced to Russian banking institutions in Britain, he would make inquiries as to whether any money standing to the credit of Russian trading organisations in this country were being used in attempts to organise revolutionary action.
The Home Secretary replied that Mr. Kindersley's information was correct. He was constantly making inquiries and was satisfied that Russian money was being used in the way suggested.—*British Wireless.*

M. DORIOT ARRESTED AT LAST.

DEPUTY ATTENDS ELECTION MEETING.

Paris, Apr. 19.
The French Communist deputy, M. Doriot, whose sentence was increased in his absence to three years' imprisonment, for his revolutionary activities in China and Indo-China last year, was arrested to-day at Valenciennes as he was leaving an election meeting.—*Reuter.*

U.S. BANK RE-DISCOUNT.

New York, Apr. 19.
The Federal Reserve Bank at Boston and Chicago have established their re-discount rate at 4½ per cent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PACIFIC DISASTER PROBABLE.

ASIATIC PRINCE MISSING WITH ALL HANDS.

NO NEWS SINCE S.O.S.

London, Apr. 19.
The feared loss with all hands in a Pacific gale of the fine Prince Line motor-vessel, the Asiatic Prince, seems, unhappily, to be only too true.
A message received from Barry states that American destroyers have returned to Honolulu after a week's vain search for a sign of the liner.

It left Los Angeles for Yokohama with a crew of 22 British and 30 Chinese, and nothing has been heard of the vessel since her master sent out an S.O.S. signal. She is fourteen days overdue at Yokohama.—*Reuter.*

The Asiatic Prince had on board about one hundred tons of general cargo for Hongkong. The local office is not in possession of a complete list of the British officers, but it is established that she was commanded by Captain Duncan.
The vessel was comparatively new, being little over three years old. She is a high speed freighter of the same type as the Chinese Prince, Japanese Prince and Japanese Prince.

DUNLOP RUBBER INTERESTS.

LITIGATION END BENEFITS CO. BY £350,000.

WELCOME ABOLITION.

London, Apr. 19.
Sir Eric Geddes, announcing the settlement of the cross-actions between the Dunlop Rubber Company on the one hand and Sir Arthur Du Cros, Mr. Alfred Du Cros and Mr. George Du Cros on the other, stated that the agreement had resulted in a financial advantage to the Company of £350,000.

Speaking on the rubber decision, Sir Eric Geddes said that in view of the termination of the restriction scheme on November 1 the company would put its estates on a fuller tapping programme.
He approved the government's action in ending the restriction but thought the government was wrong in ending it without fuller regard to the interests involved.
"I have seven months' notice allowed, was really little if any better than none at all. Adequate time should have been given to manufacturers to liquidate commitments, to liquidate their commitments."

He nevertheless welcomed the promised death of restriction and hoped it would never be resurrected. He anticipated a reasonable measure of stabilisation of rubber prices after the temporary dislocation had passed.—*Reuter.*

AMERICAN GUNMAN HANGED.

MURDER OF ILLINOIS MAYOR IN 1926.

New York, Apr. 19.
A message from Benton, Illinois, states that Charles Birger, the leader of the gang warfare which cost Illinois a score of lives and who was sentenced to death on July 27th last year for the murder committed in December 1926, of Mr. Adams, the Mayor of West City, who was most active in suppressing rum-runners, was hanged to-day.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JOHORE TERRITORIAL WATERS.

BILL PASSES COMMITTEE STAGE.

London, Apr. 19.
The Straits Settlements and Johore Territorial Waters (Agreement) Bill passed the committee stage in the House of Lords without amendment.—*Reuter.*

DEFENCE CORPS COLOURS.

LADIES' GIFT TO THE COLONY.

YELLOW TO BE REGIMENTAL COLOUR.

A STRIKING DESIGN.

Interesting details have now been issued concerning the Colours which are to be presented to the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps at a special parade to be held on Murray Parade Ground on Sunday, May 6th.

The presentation ceremony will be made by His Excellency the Governor, at 9.30 a.m. on the date named.

The grant of Colours to the Corps was sanctioned by the Army Council and approved by His Majesty the King last year.

Designed at College of Arms.

The Colours have been designed at the College of Arms, which institution is responsible for the design of all Colours for the Regular and Territorial Army.

The King's Colour follows the usual design of the Union Jack having a circle surrounding a red disc and surmounted by a Crown in its centre.

The Regimental Colour usually corresponds with the feelings of the Regiment, but the Corps having no facing owing to its uniform being khaki drill, yellow has been chosen, as the Regimental Colour of the Hongkong Regiment, the only other unit connected exclusively with the Colony, was yellow.

Dragon on Red Disc.

In the centre there is red disc on which is embroidered the Dragon crest of the Corps, surrounded by a circle bearing the name of the Corps and surmounted by a Crown. Underneath is the motto "Nulli Secundus in Oriente," which was borne by the Old Volunteer Corps surrounding the whole is a Garland of Rose, Thistle and Shamrock, which appears on most Regimental Colours.

Provided by Ladies.

The idea that the Corps should have Colours originated with Lady Clementi, on whose inspiration a fund was raised by the ladies of the Colony to provide the Colours.
The presence of ladies at the Parade, and at Volunteer Headquarters after the ceremony, will be much appreciated by the whole Corps.

SOLOMON ISLANDS MASSACRE.

NATIVE CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Tulagi, Apr. 19.

A Solomon Islander named Freal has confessed to the murder of the cadet, Mr. Lillie, during the massacre of Government officials at Malaita Island in October last year and has been sentenced to death.

Fifty other natives will be tried for the murder of native policemen at the same time.

The District Commissioner, Mr. Bell, accompanied by Mr. Lillie and a number of constables was collecting the native tax at Sinarango, when he was struck over the head with a Snyder rifle and killed instantaneously.

The Government party was overwhelmed, only a few wounded constables escaping to tell the tale. Government forces later made many arrests, but Chief Norlu and ten others died in gaol in March.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH "SUMMER-TIME."

London, Apr. 19.
"Summer-time" begins on Sunday, the clocks being put forward an hour at two o'clock in the morning.—*Reuter.*

BALKANS 'QUAKE' DISASTER.

THOUSANDS OF BUILDINGS RUINED.

HEAVY CASUALTIES.

Sofia, Apr. 19.
Over thirty earthquake shocks were felt in Philippopolis during the night and the casualties reported up to the present include ten killed and 50 injured.

Over a thousand buildings have been reduced to ruins, while many others are uninhabitable.

The surrounding villages have also suffered severely and at least 27 others have lost their lives.

Devastating Fires.

Philippopolis chiefly suffered from the earthquake. The electricity was cut off and darkness was only relieved by fires breaking out in several quarters. The military club and several large tobacco depots as well as many houses were destroyed.

COMMANDER DANIEL TO LEAVE NAVY.

Says He Has No Prospect of Advancement.

FIRST LORD CRITICISED.

London, Apr. 19.
Commander Daniel has decided to leave the Royal Navy and to seek civil employment as he is convinced that as the result of the Court-martial sentence he has no prospect of advancement in the Service.
Commander Daniel is only 39 years of age and has 25 years service in the Navy with a brilliant record.

The *Daily Chronicle* in a leader in this connection says that the ground of Commander Daniel's decision shows that Mr. Bridgeman's statement to the House of Commons was calculated to mislead.

It is, the journal says, difficult to acquit Mr. Bridgeman of a serious lack of frankness and the matter should be raised further.—*Reuter.*

The number of victims is not yet known. Most of the population of Sofia where the shocks were less severe, spent the night of terror in the open air.

Damage not Serious.

Belgrade, Apr. 19.
The earthquake, fifty-six miles south-east of Belgrade, was equally violent. The earthquake of the 14th was followed by several lesser shocks. The damage is not serious.—*Reuter.*

It is now learned that 15 were killed and over 80 injured in the Philippopolis earthquake, many being buried in the ruined buildings. Ten are known to have been killed at Papazly Village, eighteen miles away, while many have been driven mad in Tahirpan.—*Reuter.*

LATE MR. JAMES ORANGE.

THREE REQUESTS TO HONGKONG.

Mr. James Orange, of Gray's Inn-square, and formerly of Hongkong, civil engineer, who died on Sept. 27, left estate of the gross value of £35,065, with net personalty of £34,934. He left:—The paintings in oil, water colours, sketches in crayon, and pen and ink work of George Chinnery, to the Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington; his collection of paintings, Lacquer, prints, and drawings, the work of the Japanese artist Shibata Zeshin, to the British Museum; £200 to the Bishop of Hongkong, for charitable purposes; and £100 each to the Italian Convent, Caine-road, Hongkong, and St. Paul's Institution, Hongkong.

The late Mr. David Gubbay (62), of Hertford-street, Mayfair, W., and formerly of Hongkong, lately a director of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Ltd., of the Imperial Bank of Persia, and of the African Mercantile Co., left £57,532 (unsettled).—*Reuter.*

FRENCH NOTE TO POWERS.

TREATY TO OUTLAW WAR SENT.

BRITAIN'S DISCUSSIONS ON NAVAL ARMAMENTS.

IN CAUSE OF PEACE.

Paris, Apr. 19.
A French Note to be telegraphed to London, Berlin, Rome and Tokyo immediately, embodies the draft treaty outlawing war and follows the lines of the Note to America, and stipulates that its validity will depend not only on the ratification by the six Great Powers, but the accession of a number of other Powers like Poland and Czechoslovakia.—*Reuter.*

Naval Armaments.

In the House of Commons, Commander Kenworthy (Labour) asked whether a statement could be made regarding the conversations that had taken place between the British Foreign Office and the French Foreign Ministry on the subject of the limitation of armaments by agreement, and whether the subject of submarines was investigated.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson replied that informal discussions took place at Geneva last month to investigate the possibility of obtaining an agreement for the classification of naval armaments which could be included in the draft Convention now being prepared by the Preparatory Commission for Disarmament Conference. No conclusions had yet been reached and it was still too early to make any statement as to the probable outcome.

The building and employment of submarines was not touched upon in those conversations.

Referred to Dominions.

A question was asked in the House of Commons as to what action the British Government was taking with respect to the Note received from the United States Government inviting adherence to a treaty for the outlawry of war.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson, the Foreign Under-secretary, replied that the Note which the United States Ambassador addressed to the British Government on April 13th was receiving most careful and sympathetic attention, and would form the subject of conversations between the British Government and the Dominions.—*British Wireless.*

ECHO OF BIG NAVAL BATTLE.

GERMAN MESS PLATE BEING RETURNED.

Sydney, Apr. 19.

The mess plate of the German cruisers "Scharnhorst" and "Lepso," which were destroyed in the Battle of the Falklands, is being returned to the German Government as an act of grace.

How the plate came to Sydney is a mystery. It is supposed that it was left at the Carolines by the Germans for safety and found its way to Australia after the Japanese occupation of the islands.

It was discovered several years ago in a dealer's shop when Customs officials seized it on the ground that it was liable to duty.—*Reuter.*

AMERICA AND THE LEAGUE.

DRAFT TREATY SUBMITTED UNOFFICIALLY.

Geneva, Apr. 19.
With a view to avoiding misunderstanding, the United States Consul has unofficially communicated to the League Secretariat a draft of Mr. Kellogg's Treaty for outlawing war.—*Reuter.*

SEIZURE OF BRITISH CONSULATE.

BRITAIN RELYING ON MR. CHEN'S PROMISE.

NANKING DISCUSSION.

London, Apr. 19.

The occupation of the British Consulate at Nanking was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. H. Day (Labour) asked the Foreign Secretary if a claim for reparation had been made.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that no specific claim for reparation for the occupation of the British Consulate at Nanking by Nationalist troops had been lodged.

His Majesty's Government, he said, regarded this matter as covered by the statement in Mr. Eugene Chen's Reply of April 14th, 1927, that the Nationalist Government was prepared to make good all damage done at the British Consulate in Nanking.

Mr. Day asked for information regarding the intention of the Government to lodge a claim for compensation, and how the amount of reparation would be arrived at.

Mr. G. Locker-Lampson said that negotiations were now proceeding with the Nanking Government in connexion with the matter.—*Reuter.*

OPIUM COMMITTEE DISCLOSURES.

VIGILANCE IN CHINA WITH TRAFFIC.

CHINA CONSUMPTION.

Geneva, Apr. 19.

The formidable list of opium seizures reported to the League of Nations since November, 1926, formed the subject of discussion at to-day's session of the Opium Committee.

The list testified to the vigilance of the authorities in many countries to cope with the illicit traffic. Statistics showed that there was no legitimate trade in prepared opium in China, but the amount of illicit consumption between 1921 and 1926 was unknown.

The examination of statistics of imports and exports of morphine and salts of morphine revealed considerable discrepancies to the League Opium Committee, owing to the uncertainty of the figures supplied, but it was felt that more rigid control will be possible when the Opium Convention operates.

M. Bourgeois affirmed emphatically that the French manufactures of these drugs only covered the country's legitimate requirements.—*Reuter.*

FINNISH COMMUNISTS SUICIDE.

EXTENSION POLICE ROUND-UP CONTINUES.

Helsingfors, Apr. 19.

One of the Communist leaders arrested during the Police round-up yesterday, a man named Vuhunen, has committed suicide by poisoning himself.

Thirty Communists are now in custody and the Police continue to make arrests. The prisoners include most of the Communist Party's salaried officials, two members of the Diet, and several journalists.—*Reuter.*

IMMENSE RAILWAY PROJECT.

OPTION GRANTED TO U.S. AND GERMANY.

Teheran, Apr. 19.

The Majlis (Parliament) has passed the Bill granting to an American firm and a German combine, the railway survey from Banderah (Caspian Sea) to Moammerah (Persian Gulf) with the construction of 99 miles as a trial section and an option to construct the entire line, which will pass Hamadan, and Dizful.—*Reuter.*

UNEASY FEELING IN PEKING.

SOUTHERN ADVANCE CONTINUES.

CHANG CH' G-CHANG READY TO LEAVE TSINAN.

FOREIGN PROTECTION.

Shanghai, Apr. 20.

The latest report from the Shanghai front is that the central column of the Nationalist forces has captured Tsowhsien, which is fifty miles south of Yenchow.

Another report states that the Kuomintang troops under General Cheng Ta-cheng, advancing from Tsining, have captured Ningyang, north of Yenchow.

If this latter report is correct, there is every indication of Yenchow being besieged by Kuomintang forces from the north and Nationalist troops from the south.

Tsinan Anxiety.

From Hsuehchow it is reported that in view of the rapid advance of the Kuomintang forces, anxiety is being felt by the people of Tsinan, who expect the city to be attacked by the Southerners very shortly.

It is added that General Chang Chung-chang has moved his family from Tsinan to Tientsin, and that he has deposited seven million dollars in a bank at Tsingtao preparatory to leaving Tsinan.

The city of Tsinan is now controlled by the police and Merchant Volunteers, as all available troops have been sent out to ward off the expected attack.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Wuhan Aid For Feng.

A naval wireless message received in Hongkong this morning states that a report has been received to the effect that Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has captured Taining and that the advance has continued ten miles northward. It is reported that Wuhan troops are moving to his support.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.

Marshal Yen Shi-shan, an ally of the Kuomintang and the Military Governor of Shansi, has wired to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, the Commander-in-Chief of the Nationalist Army, stating that he will soon leave for the battle-front to direct his troops.

In another telegram to Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, the Shansi leader declares that the Fengtien troops on the south banks of the Yellow River have all been exterminated, whilst the enemy troops at Sui-yuen, Shansi, have also been defeated.

To Cross Yellow River.

The Shansi troops are now making preparations to cross the Yellow River in order to launch attacks on the Shantung armies.

In another telegram to the Nationalist military headquarters at Hsuehchow, on the Tientsin-Pukow line, Marshal Yen Shi-shan states that the operations against the Fengtien troops within the past few days in the northern part of Shansi have been quiet and nothing decisive has occurred. It is added that there has, however, been considerable military activity by the Shansi armies against the Fengtien forces at Niangsekwun, with results favouring the Shansi troops.

Peking Uneasy.

A Peking cable says that in view of the severity of war against the Nationalist Government, Marshal Chang Tso-lin, the Peking Director, has sent messages to the Three Eastern Provinces ordering that two mixed regiments be immediately dispatched to assist the Fengtien troops at Tschow, Shantung.

Uneasiness has prevailed in Peking during the past few days, according to vernacular cables. Following the recent Nationalist victories on the Tientsin-Pukow line and in other fighting zones, Martial Law has been declared. All theatres in the city have received orders from the Government prohibiting them from continuing performances after 11 o'clock at night.

A Peking cable dated yesterday states that in view of the recent failures on the Tientsin-Pukow line, Marshal Chang Tso-lin has decided to shorten the defensive line.—*(Continued on Page 14.)*



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AIMS OF THE RETURNED
STUDENTS UNION.

The first reunion of the members of the Hongkong Returned Students Union was held in the form of a social gathering in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel last evening. There was a large number of members present as well as invited friends.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. Y. H. Tsao spoke on the development of the Union which, from an initial membership of 30, had now grown to 90, of whom six were ladies. Of this total, 29 men and two women were classified under the heading of British, two men under that of French, and 52 men and 4 women under that of American, according to the countries of their sojourn. Twenty-one were engaged in Sciences and Engineering, 8 in Arts, 6 in Law, 10 in Medicine, and 23 in Commerce and Economics. It was shown that for the study of medicine and engineering, most of the students went to Britain, and that for economics and commerce, they proceeded to America.

The Secretary spoke on the aims of the Union, which inter alia were the promotion of International good-fellowship, and the provision of such facilities in the way of information as would be useful for mutual comparison and for the benefit of the new student going abroad.

In this connexion, he stated that a directory of all the members would be compiled, an information bureau established, and frequent reunions organized. The Union would have established headquarters, and facilities for recreation in the coming warm season would be also provided.

President's Welcome.

The President, Mr. K. L. Chau, addressing the meeting, said:

Ladies and Gentlemen. May I on behalf of the Union extend to our guests the heartiest of welcome to our midst. I hope they will enjoy themselves thoroughly. I thank them for their gracious presence and support. On an occasion like this, our inaugural meetings, it is fitting to give expression to what is in the mind of the Committee and members of the Union—to express their hopes and fears.

First of all, I would emphasize very strongly that this Union is no President's Union, or Secretary's Union, or the Committee's Union. It is every member's Union. Unless we realize this we may as well close up sharp.

It has urged against us returned students that individually some of us shine but collectively—as a body—we are miserable failures. We have done nothing. Our opinion, as a body, has no weight as it should have, our influence is not felt as it ought to be felt; our voice is like one crying in the wilderness. Why is it? Our answer is we have no union, no unity. A piece of coal left burning by itself will give forth little light and warmth, but when a bucketful is burning it will produce a fire that cheers. We are not alone. We are a branch of that great national organization of returned students and therefore let us take courage and pull together.

An Urgent Need.

The Hon. Secretary has announced some of the activities which the Union will try to carry out in the course of the year. To my mind our greatest task is the creation and perpetuation of international good will—one of the most urgent needs of the world to-day. And who are qualified to do this important job? Why, we returned students. We are ambassadors to the East as well as to the West. When we were abroad we interpreted the East to the West in a much better way than the Old China hands and such people who write fat books on this but who do not know our language or customs. Now that we are home again, we should perform a similar

JAPANESE POLITICS.

PROTEST AGAINST HOME
MINISTER.

Tokyo, Apr. 19.

In connexion with the Home Minister's actions in the general elections the Independent members of the Diet have decided to introduce a vote of non-confidence in him. The session of the Diet will be convened to-morrow.

The Minseito have agreed to give the measure their support, therefore unless there is some unexpected development the government, which is determined to stand by the Home Minister, will almost certainly be defeated. In this event it is generally believed that Baron Tanaka will redissolve the Diet and call another general election.

The leaders of the Minseito have protested to the Premier concerning the incident relative to Professor Wakayama strongly censuring the government's failure to protect the members of the opposition against such outrages.—Reuter.

lar duty to our people by interpreting the West to the East. We are the people that ought to bridge that yawning gulf between the East and the West.

Most of us have perhaps heard those taunting words heaped upon those returning students. They are uttered by some with contempt, by others with indifference, as much as to say that's what you expect, by others again with envy and distrust, as much as to say we are the cause of all ills in this land. In turn we are despised, we are petted, we are praised, and we are ridiculed and railed against. Whether we deserve all this approbation or obloquy is not for me to say. I am here not pleading for ourselves. We need no apology. But there is one thing we should never forget. We are the privileged few; and there are the teeming millions who are the unprivileged many. Somewhere have I read that where I forget, of an old story which told of a town whose inhabitants had eyes but could not see. They heard of the power of a doctor who could give them sight but whose dwelling was well-nigh inaccessible. Realizing that when there was no vision the people would perish, the city elders chose a few dauntless spirits to undertake the arduous journey in order to get cured. I need not recount to you the perils and trials these young men went through. Suffice it to say they got back their sight. Overwhelmed with joy they returned, and as soon as they arrived at the city gates, they addressed the crowd that had gathered to honour them. They made a remarkable speech—the briefest speech on record—a one sentence speech, which I would like us to adopt as our motto: "You shall see the difference now that we are back again."

Men of Vision Wanted.

One thing we need above all others in China to-day is men of vision, men who could see with eyes and not through eye-glasses. We want men with a two-fold vision—a vision of China not as an opportunity for self but of self as a resource for service to the country; a vision that sees also not so much the world in China, as a China for the world.

That we may live to see our distracted country united and possess a free and prosperous people is our prayer. That these great consequences can only be brought about by our energy and devotion is my conviction. We must not flit. We must prepare for the coming hour. Let us gird up our loins and provoke one another with these challenging words. "You shall see the difference now that we are back again." (Applause.)

Several hours were pleasantly spent at the reunion, tea and dancing being the order of the evening. A flashlight photo was later taken of those present.

CONVICT'S DEATH.

PRISONERS NOT TREATED AT
KOWLOON HOSPITAL.

A convict who was serving a four months' sentence in the branch prison at Lai-chikok died on Wednesday night from tuberculosis in both lungs. Owing to certain existing regulations, the patient, instead of being admitted into the Kowloon Hospital, had to be taken across the harbour to the Government Civil Hospital. He died shortly after admission.

A jury sitting in connexion with the death inquiry at the Central Magistracy yesterday recommended that the regulations referred to should be amended to make it possible for urgent cases to be admitted into the Kowloon Hospital from the Lai-chikok Station.

Dr. A. Cannon, Medical Officer in charge of Prisons, stated he examined Chan Yuk, the deceased convict, on March 29, the day following his commitment. He diagnosed the man's case and found him to be suffering from chronic opium poisoning that was to say, the man was an addict to the opium habit. His heart had weakened considerably.

Special Treatment.

He was put under special medical treatment, and as it was necessary to keep him occupied in his condition, he was given light work to do, such as picking hemp, etc.

Witness last examined the man on Monday, when he appeared to be no worse. No new instructions were left with the Hospital warder other than if the man showed signs of a collapse the doses of opium administered to him were to be increased.

Dr. Isaac Newton, in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, said that by arrangement with the prison authorities he also visited Lai-chikok Prison in urgent cases.

He was summoned at 8 o'clock on Wednesday night to the prison, where he found the deceased in the Prison hospital ward in a semi-conscious condition. The man had great difficulty in breathing, and witness came to the conclusion that he was going to die. While arranging for his transfer to the Government Civil Hospital, witness went back to the Kowloon Hospital to fetch certain drugs for an injection which he thought was all that he could do then.

New Regulations.

In reply to the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindell) witness said that under existing regulations, it was not possible to transfer the man to the Kowloon Hospital, although before those regulations came into being there had been special provisions for such removal. It was also not possible, without permission from the Superintendent of Prisons, to give such treatment as was necessary in the Hospital ward of the prison. Witness also considered it impossible then to get the Superintendent in question, so he forthwith instructed that arrangements be made for the prompt removal of the patient to the Government Civil Hospital.

The man's condition had improved a little before witness left to return to the Kowloon Hospital. It seemed to him that the man had very great difficulty in drawing breath—he was in an advanced pulmonary condition.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, Medical Officer in charge of the Government Civil Hospital, said the patient was admitted into the Hospital at 11 o'clock that night. He was still conscious, but his condition was very grave. He was straightaway taken to the prison ward and given treatment, but died, in spite of all that could be done, twenty-five minutes afterwards.

An Opium Addict.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that it looked to him, when he first saw the patient, that he

ARABIAN PROBLEM.

SIR GILBERT CLAYTON
STARTS ON MISSION.

London, Apr. 19.

Sir Gilbert Clayton, head of the British mission to Ibn Saud with whom he will discuss outstanding Anglo-Hedjaz and Iraq-Hedjaz questions, has departed from London for Jeddah. He will meet M. Bourdillon, Councillor of the High Commissioner of Baghdad and Mr. Kinnahan, Cornwallis, of the Iraq Ministry of the Interior at Cairo. They will embark on a sloop at Port Sudan and reach Jeddah in the beginning of May.

Sir Gilbert Clayton has informed Reuter that he hopes to at least be able to clarify the situation and will endeavour to establish a modus vivendi. It is not supposed that his work at Jeddah, whether Ibn Saud will travel from Mecca, will last beyond a fortnight, after which he might have to visit Baghdad to explain his discussions with Ibn Saud to the Iraq Government. It might be necessary also to visit the frontier district.—Reuter.

was an addict to opium. He put the question to the man, but the latter shook his head. He admitted, however, he had suffered from coughs for years.

The Coroner: Was his condition such that if properly diagnosed three weeks ago, his life could have been saved? Witness: His condition was very advanced. He was bound to die sooner or later. If three weeks ago he had been taken in hand and given treatment, he might be alive to-day, but I don't think it would cure him. It might prolong life for a week or so.

Would opium treatment in any way hasten his end? That is to say if he had been treated for chronic opium poisoning?—Well, I think if he were an opium smoker, such treatment would lengthen his life.

Presuming he was not an opium-smoker as he told you, presuming that he was merely suffering from tuberculosis?—I don't think that would make any difference.

You don't think it would hasten his end?—No.

Jury's Recommendation.

Chief Warder J. West, of Lai-chikok Prison, said the deceased was admitted into the prison to serve a four months' sentence, for larceny from the person.

The deceased collapsed at 6.40 p.m. on Wednesday, and was sent to the Kowloon Hospital. Witness eventually saw the Superintendent, who said it was impossible for the man to be removed to the Kowloon Hospital in view of existing regulations.

Witness then ordered the launch and had the man transferred to the Government Civil Hospital, after he had seen him receive an injection from the doctor.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that under the regulations no prisoner could be transferred to any other but the Government Civil Hospital.

The Coroner said that on the evidence before them he thought the jury would find it obvious that the deceased had died from natural causes. He did not imagine that they would desire to add anything to this verdict.

The Foreman (Mr. Noel White) asked if there was any possible chance for cases of such an urgent nature to be admitted into the Kowloon Hospital instead of the Government Civil Hospital. A man's life might be endangered by unnecessary delay.

While considering that the change in the procedure undoubtedly made an hour's difference, his Worship suggested that the foreman's question should be included in the form of a recommendation in the verdict.

In returning a verdict of death through natural causes, the jury recommended that "the law be amended to allow, in cases of emergency, prisoners from Lai-chikok to be admitted into the Kowloon Hospital."

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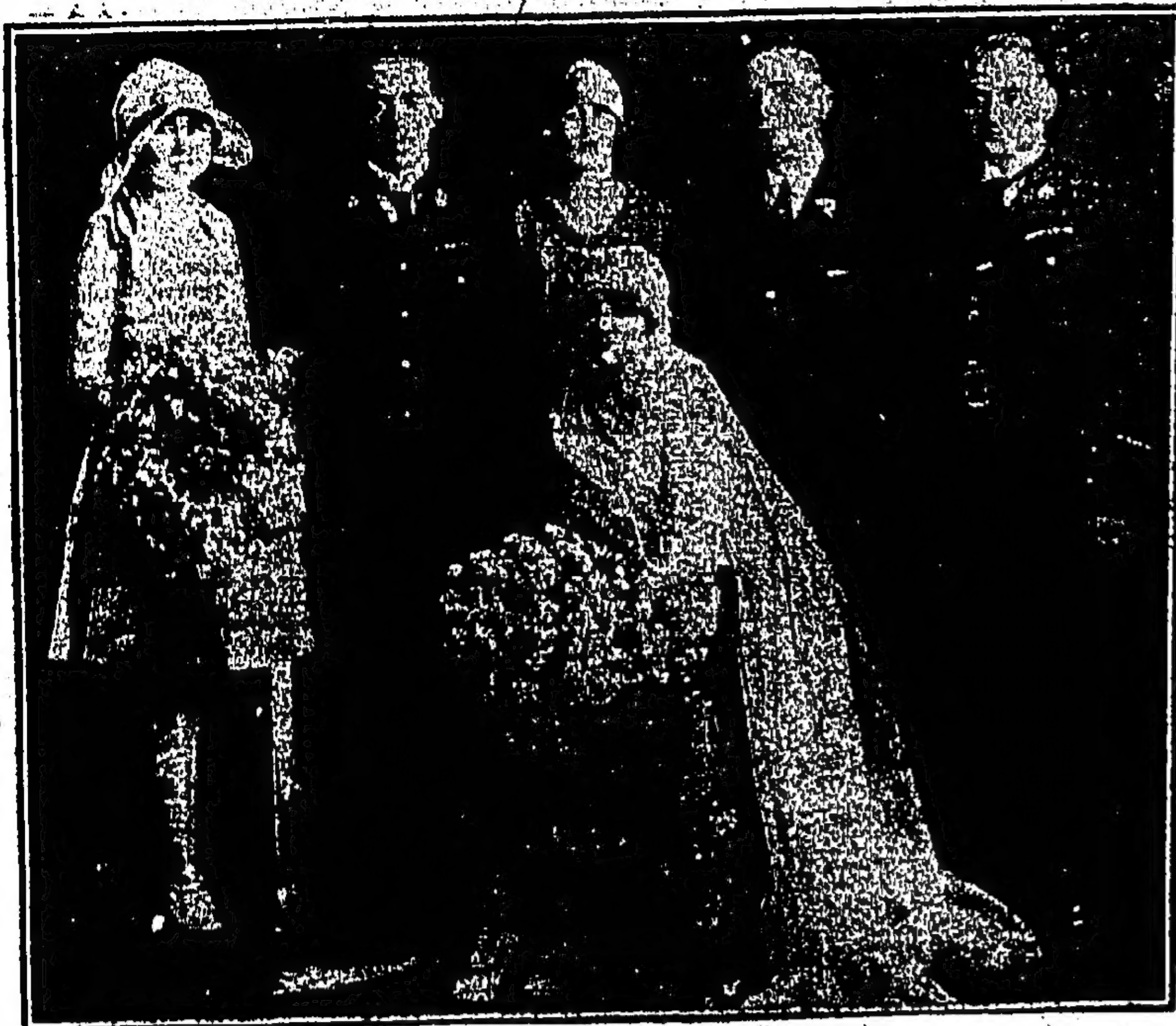
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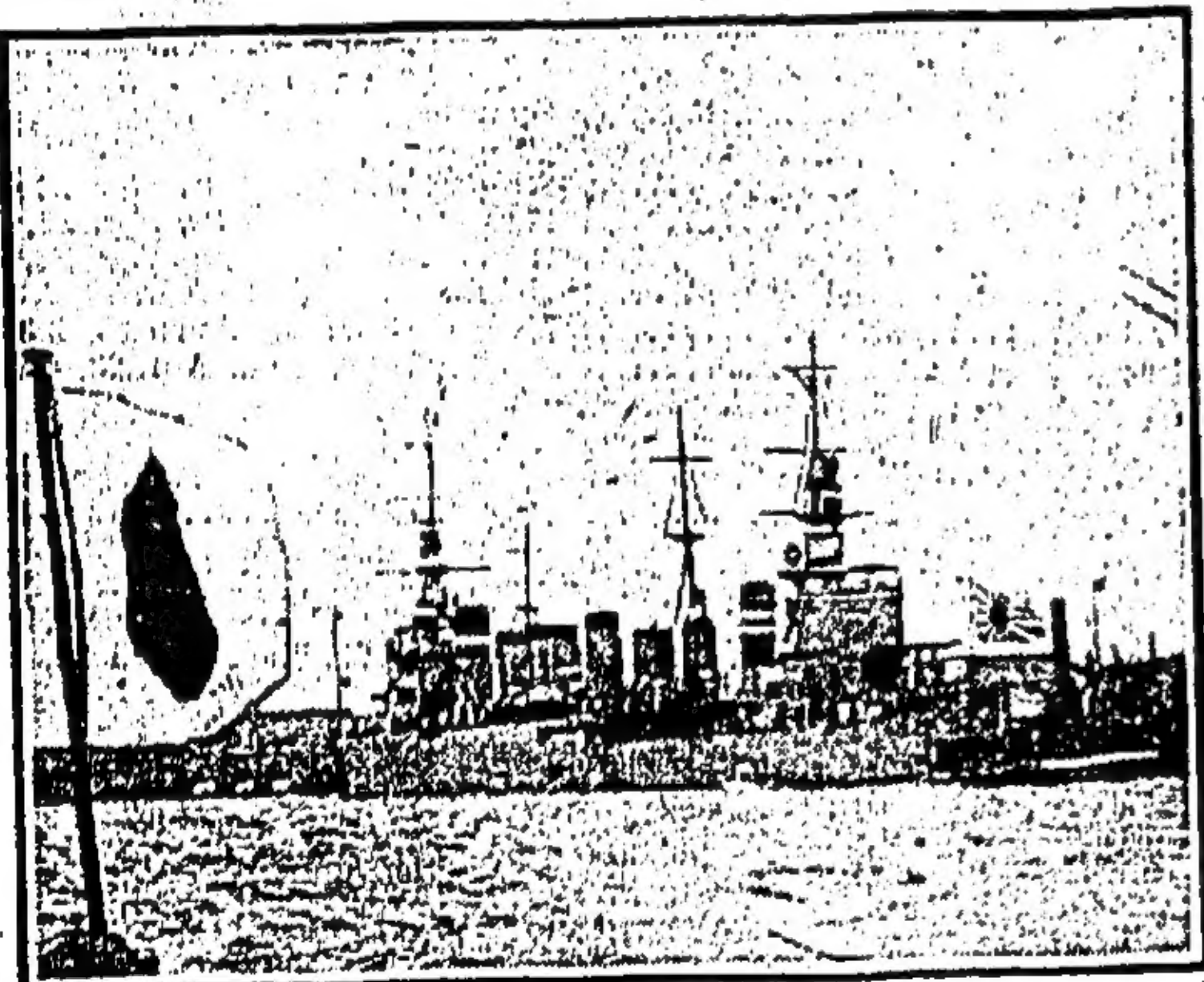
Group taken after the marriage at Shanghai Union Church of Mr. L. Heap and Miss Rose M. Durrant. Mme. G. T. Guignard was matron of honour and Miss Y. Guignard, bridesmaid, Mr. S. M. Vincent was best man.



The wedding was solemnized by Pastor Mortenson at the Shanghai Danish Church of Mr. L. Meyer Nielsen, of Messrs. Hartzbusch Motor Co., and Miss Mary Kovtunova.



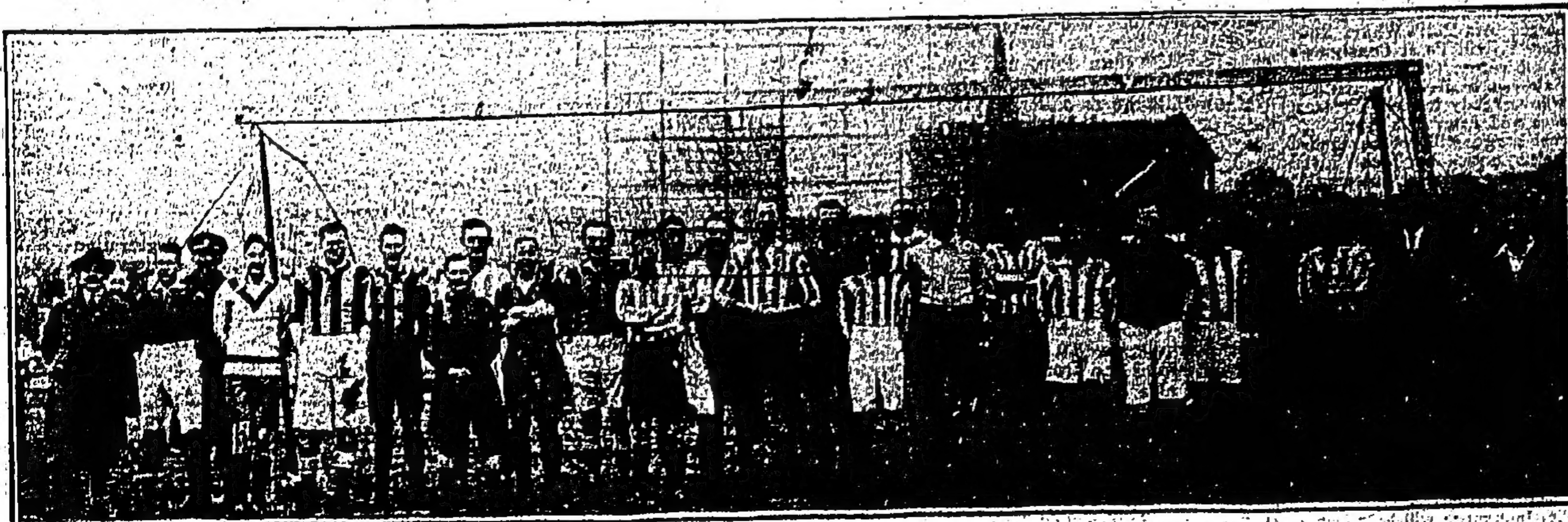
These two men shot and captured John L. Whitfield a murderer who escaped from gaol. Detective Folk (right) shot him down after a terrific hand-to-hand encounter. Whitfield died of his wounds.



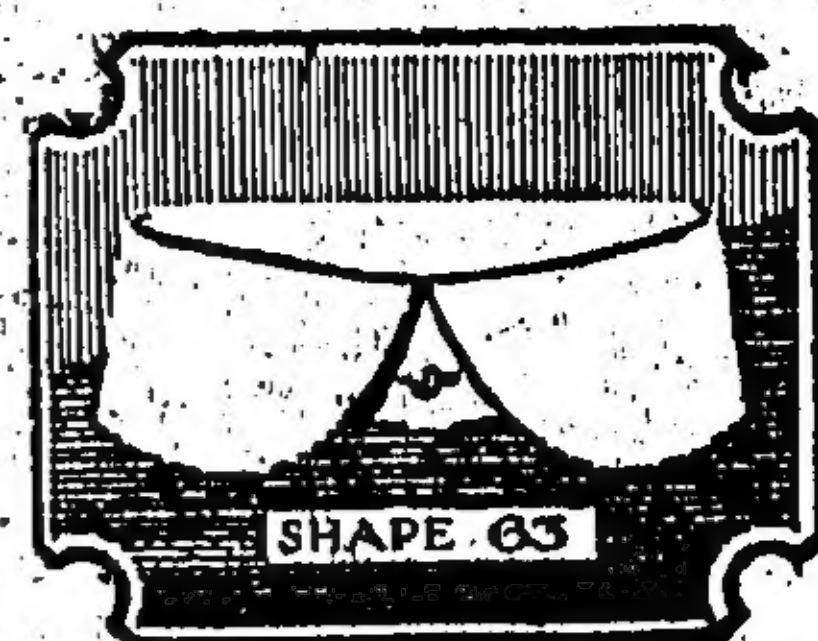
A Japanese naval squadron visited Shanghai last week. Upper photo shows some of the visitors with Consul General S. Yada. Reading from left to right are: Rear Admiral N. Ominato, Commander-in-Chief of the 3rd Squadron Capt. Koroku Akiyama, Commander of Cruiser "Jintau," Consul General for Shanghai, S. Yada, Capt. Teijiro Toyoda, Commander of Cruiser "Atsukuma," Capt. Isao Kouchi, Commander of Cruiser "Naka," Lower photo shows the flagship Naga of the 3rd Japanese Squadron.



Mr. Gersham Lang and his bride, Miss Jessie Rose, and bridal group taken after the wedding at Shanghai Union Church.



The teams of the Shanghai Football Club and the Shanghai Engineers Football Club who met in the annual match for the Engineers' Challenge Cup recently. The Engineers are shown in the lighter coloured jerseys. The match resulted in a comfortable win for the Engineers by four goals to one.



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HER LIFE.

Terribly wounded, and with every shred of clothing torn from her, Mrs. Webb, of Hanger Hill Nurseries, Ealing, made a desperate fight for life when attacked by her own Alsatian dog.

The dramatic details were told by Miss Elsie Webb, who, with her father, Mr. Frank Webb, came to the scene only just in time to save the mother's life.

"We have kept Alsations for several years," said Miss Webb, "and have bred them in our kennels. We only kept them for a hobby and because mother loves dogs so much, especially the Alsatian breed."

Reared From Puppyhood.

We had three Alsations in our kennels; now we have decided to destroy them all. Rupert, the villain of the piece, was one we had brought up from a puppy. His father was a pedigree champion in 1926 at the shows.

Mother and the maid took the dogs for a walk down into the piece of ground at the back of our house. There was Rupert, who was a powerful black and tan Alsatian, two and a half years old, and two female Alsatian dogs.

"She had not been gone long before I heard piercing screams and cries for help, and I rushed father. We both rushed to the ground, but it is about 60 yards away from where we live."

"When we got there we saw mother was lying on the ground fighting for her life."

"Rupert was trying to get at her throat, but mother had pluckily wedged her fist down his throat to stop him from tearing at her."

"She was badly wounded, her ear having been all but ripped off, her face, arms, back and shoulders were all torn and bleeding, and the beast had torn all the hair off one side of her head. In worrying her he had torn her clothing to shreds."

Playing With Stick.

"Everything was actually in pieces scattered about. We found afterwards parts of her woollen dress and other garments chewed up and hanging on the hedges near by."

"Dad beat Rupert off with a stick, and we fetched a doctor, who ordered mother immediately to Ealing Hospital."

"Mother has a weak heart, but in spite of this she had put up a wonderful fight against the brute, who seemed to have lost its temper and gone amok. Curiously enough the other two dogs appeared to have become frightened and docilely went off to their kennels."

"According to mother and the maid, the dog had been playing with a stick. It was one of his favourite sports to chase a stick and then tug it away from mother. Apparently he had some difficulty in getting this stick away, and got cross and attacked her. If she had not closed its throat the position would have been more desperate."



When a man is sued for divorce it's usually the result of a little miss understanding.

MILITARY
EXPENDITURE.SOME VERY INTERESTING
COMPARISONS.

In comparing the military expenditure of various nations, consideration should not be given so much to the absolute figures as to their relative ratio compared with the other items of the budget. It must be borne in mind, for instance, that the Polish soldier, with his simple requirements, costs far less in the way of keep, clothing and housing than does the German or Englishman.

Since, therefore, the standard of living largely determines the cost of an army, we must, to make a fair comparison, consider the incidence of the military and naval estimates in the entire budget and set them over against the costs of education, administration, utility services, etc.

If this be done, it will be found that Germany's military expenditure, with its 6.5% of the whole budget, is smaller than that of any other country.

Comparing the figure of 6.5% with other countries, we find the military expenditure of Soviet Russia and of Great Britain to be twice as high (13.9%); and Great Britain allots at least one-half of her expenses of defence to her navy, 35% to her land army, and 15% to her air forces.

The percentages in France (21.7%) and Italy (23.7%) are substantially higher. Each claims the Mediterranean as its own sea, and, in support of that claim, relies partly upon alliances and partly upon very extensive armament.

But the relatively largest military estimates are those of Poland. Notwithstanding the modest requirements of its soldiers, this country, which as a State is a product of the war, devotes no less than 31.5% of its budgetary expenditure to military purposes. In other words, almost one-third of Poland's budget is swallowed up by her army, greatly to the detriment of her other services—especially education and public health.

Poland is, indeed, a striking example of the fact that an exaggeration of the so-called "security" idea impedes cultural effort on the part of the country afflicted by that exaggerated notion. Moreover, its detrimental effects are felt outside that country; for it creates a general sense of "insecurity." It prevents the general disarmament so desired by the peoples of the world and postpones indefinitely the practical attainment of universal peace.

21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE
"TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended April 22nd, 1907.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 2s. 1d.

The mates of Chinese-owned river steamers demanded an increase in wages to \$190 per month, failing which they threatened to strike.

A scheme was mooted in Canton for the formation of a company with a million dollars capital to construct an electric tram from the Bund to Whampoa.

Sir Matthew Nathan left the Colony on retiring from the Governorship. He was the recipient of numerous addresses and gifts.

The Typhoon Relief Fund totalled \$279,902.

Mr. P. M. Hodgson was admitted a solicitor, on joining the firm of Messrs. Ewens and Harston.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Bathroom.

MAY BE MADE BEAUTIFUL.

It sounds rather queer, perhaps, but why should the taste and beauty which pervades every corner of the house stop at the bathroom? Too often it is a cold, clinic-like place, spotless with white enamel and silver, but certainly not beautiful even in its own way.

This year, indulge your taste for colour in the walls. Enamel them, say, in a fairly strong, pure héli, which the white of wood work and ceiling will effectively soften. If you care to add a stencil of golden water-lilies just under the ceiling, so much the better. The bath itself may be either white or pale mauve, painted a deeper shade outside, to tone with the borders of the bath-mat. The floor is purple with a gold-coloured washable rug before the washstand. Curtains of mauve net with a bold design of water-lilies bring out the general scheme, and soap and guest-towels assist in the effect.

Black and white is effective although cold, unless a splash of colour is added in the shape of bath-mats, bath-salt jars, etc.

Almost any shade is possible in the bathroom, unless perhaps pink, which is apt to look insipid with the inevitable white. A very unusual room may be planned in shades of green, giving a pretty, under-water effect.

An easy way to brighten bathrooms is to have all the little extras in the desired colour, or to match the predominant note in the paper. Thus, a bow of vivid orange ribbon around the bath-salts bottles, and perhaps an orange-bordered towel or two in a room papered in black and orange on white, works wonders. Many novelties are of course available in the form of cabinets, mirrors, chairs, rails, etc., but with patience, paint, and taste, the home decorator may have, with very little expense, what may truthfully be called a beautiful bathroom.

Decorating Cakes.

FOR THE BRIDGE OR TENNIS
PARTY.

Small or large cakes coated with chocolate icing look very pretty decorated with daisies. To make these, split some blanched almonds across horizontally, and arrange the

The Bouffant Mode.



"This frock" is of peach colour lustrated with silver lace and silver flowers to trim it. The decided lengthening of the hem in the back is a feature.

Sleeplessness.

HINTS TO THE RESTLESS.

Advice to the sleepless was given by Dr. Eustace Callender in an address on Insomnia to the Medical Society of London.

Sleep, he said, reached its deepest point between the first and second hour, and then became lighter, so that by the third hour the sleeper is very near the margin of consciousness.

During sleep hearing was the most easily excited sense. The sense of touch was more difficult and the taste and smell still more difficult.

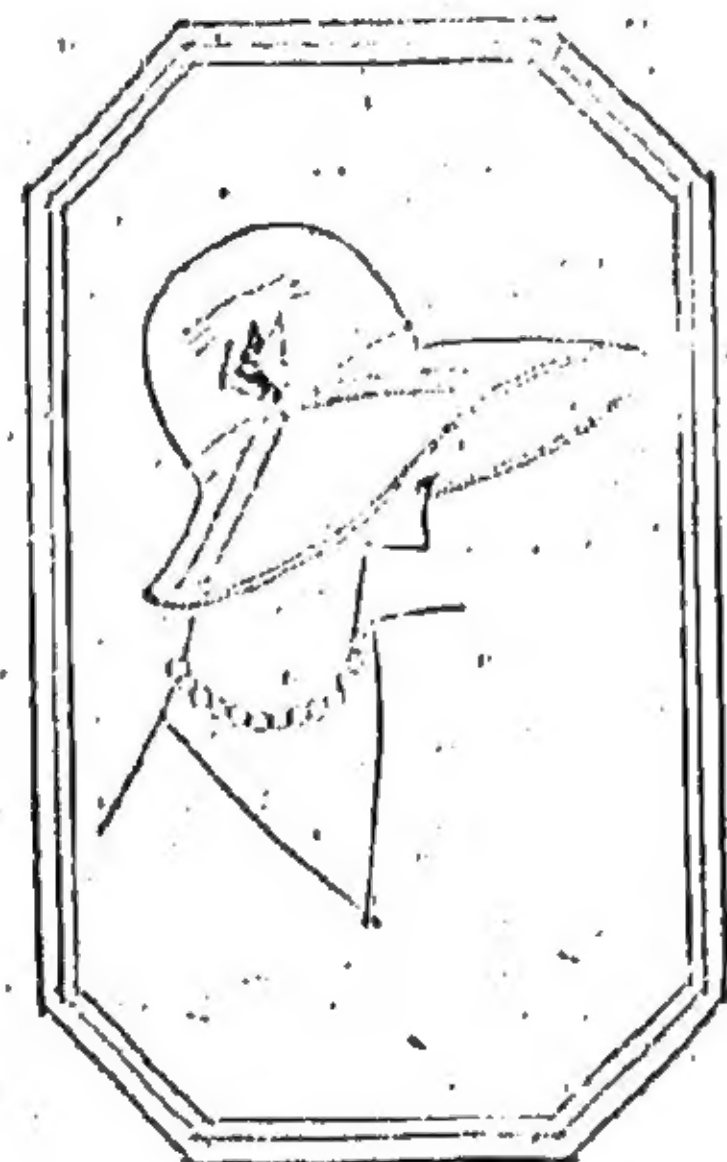
Waking in the middle of the night was common among the debilitated, the aged, those who took too little food or who took their evening meal too early.

A cup of hot tea or coffee sometimes enabled such people to sleep again, presumably by raising their blood pressure.

"It is hardly necessary to speak of many of the common causes of sleeplessness," said Dr. Callender—"the late supper or heavy dinner, too much alcohol or too much tobacco, the taking of coffee or tea in the evening, overwork or working until near bedtime, sleeping in a room which is too hot, badly ventilated, or too cold, lying with the head too low and perhaps, in some cases, too high, wearing too much clothing at night, being overburdened with bedclothes, or being too cold in bed."

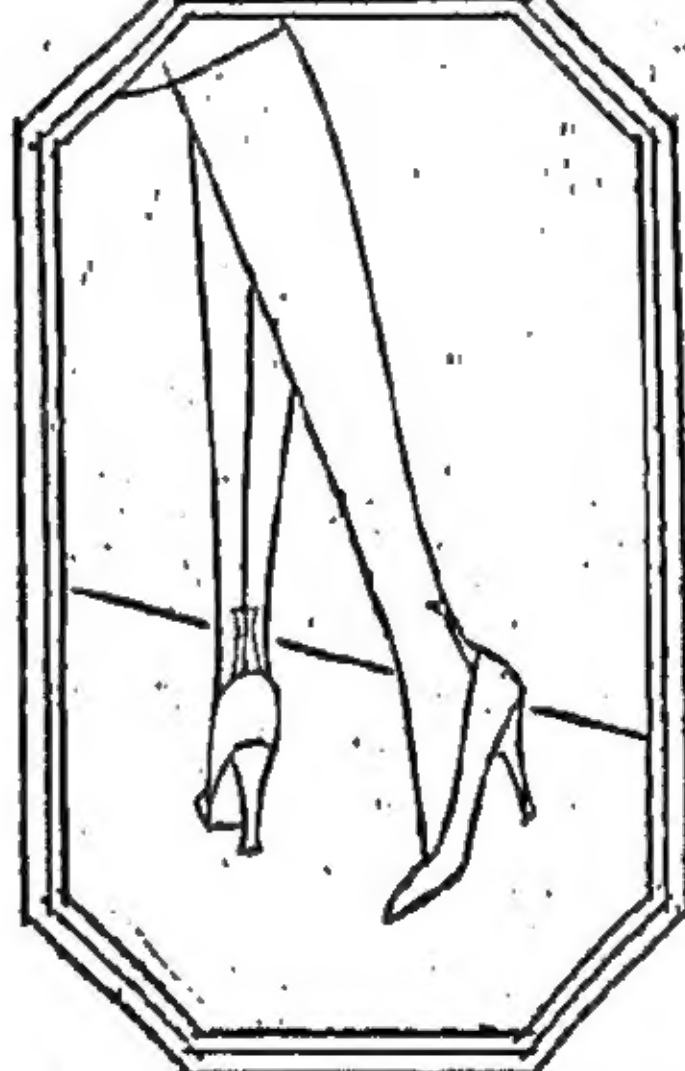
"All precautions regarding these would appear to be matters of ordinary common sense, yet we are all so accustomed to find this quality lacking, even among educated persons, that it is necessary to pay particular attention to these details and even to see that a suitable and proper type of bed is being used. For my own part, I prefer the non-spring type of bed."

Large and Felt.



The large hat is here developed in beige felt edged with grosgrain. Ribbon encircling the crown holds in place three feather motifs of red, yellow and blue.

Geometric Heel.

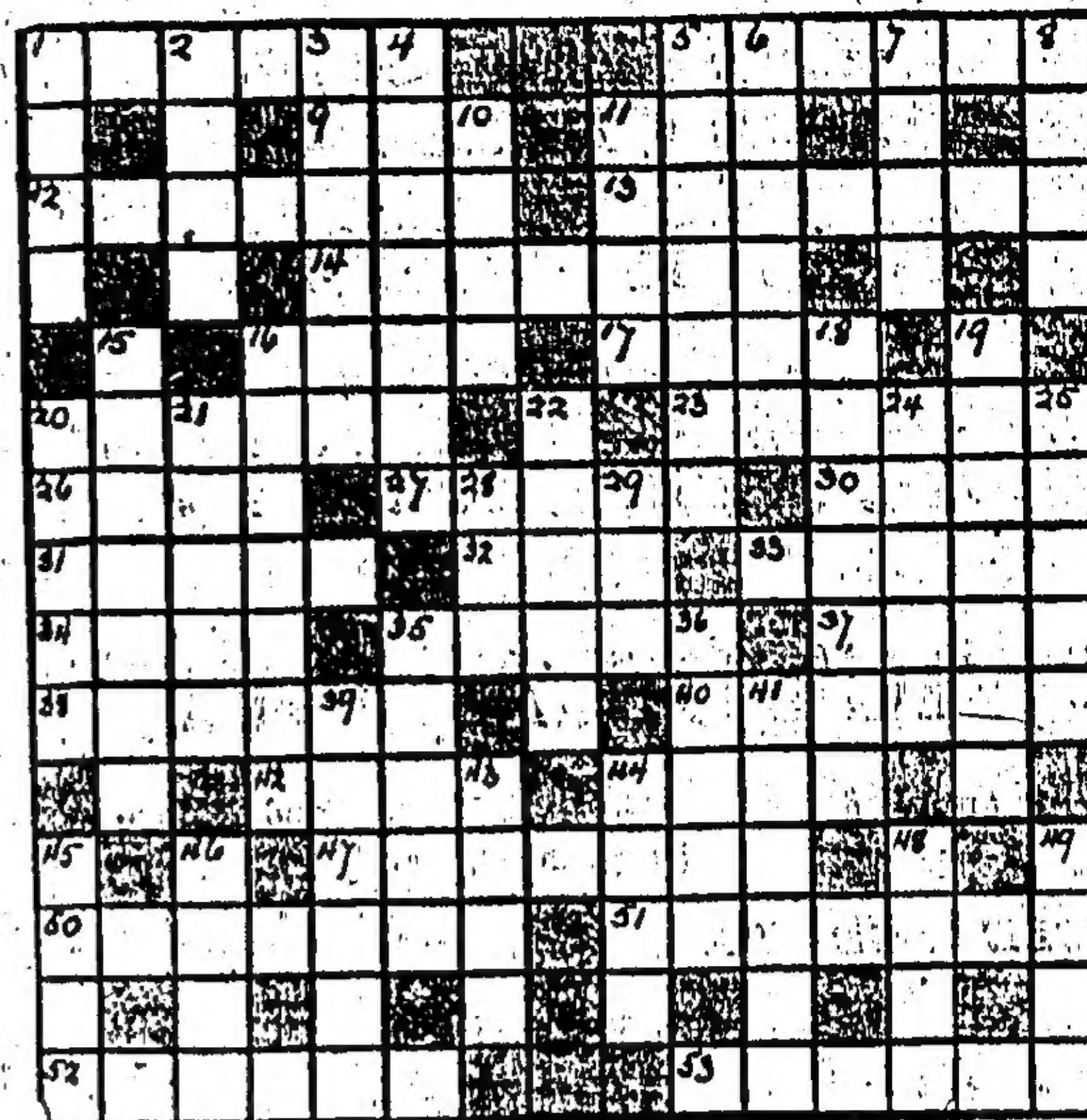


A new heel, designed in geometric lines, lends slenderness to the ankle.

ventional designs, or lightly strewn over the top of a cake.

When placing ornaments in a design, a small hatpin is useful to pick them up and place them in position.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.
1 Insect allied to grasshopper.
6 Spread ungracefully.
9 Tawny.
11 Health resort.
12 Network structure.
13 Adjust.
14 Not figurative.
15 Head coverings.
17 Expires.
20 Tourmaline.
23 Inferior divinites.
25 Armour.
27 Periods.
30 Unhesitating dash.
31 Line in which two meeting surfaces form an angle.
32 Untruth.
33 Dazzling light.
34 Sledge.
36 Change.
37 Become weary.
38 Forerunner.
40 Expander.
42 To lamb.
44 In bed.
47 Indigestion.
50 Impels.
51 One who inserts.
52 Obscured.
53 Loved.

Down.
1 Subside.
2 Small beds.
3 Pertaining to the stile of a dial.
4 Silently.
5 Overstrains.
6 Mutual discourse.
7 Indian coin.
8 Soliment.
10 Fabrics of open texture.
11 Variety of carnation.

16 Colour.
18 Occasion of gaiety.
19 Mailed.
20 Burned.
21 Break.
22 One who grants the temporary use of.
23 People not among the clergy.
24 Simple.
25 Speak derisively.
28 Cloth measure.
29 Brazilian coin.
35 Make suitable.
36 Small bird.
38 Let.
41 Rang.
43 Headland.
44 Continent.
45 Belonging to the ear.
46 Thrice.
48 One who changes colour of materials.
49 Reared.

Yesterday's Solution.

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Mrs. R. Blyth and family wish to thank the many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy in sending wreaths and also those who attended the funeral in her sad bereavement.

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1928.

GAOL MATTERS.

The necessity for a new Gaol for the Colony, to which we have repeatedly alluded, was admitted yesterday when replies were made in the Legislative Council to a number of questions put by the Hon. Mr. Owen Hughes. It was conceded that Victoria Gaol is overcrowded, that increased accommodation cannot be obtained there, and that whilst the Lai Chi Kok establishment is not overcrowded, it is so unsatisfactory from many standpoints, that "it can hardly be called a Prison." These admissions reflect a position which calls for serious consideration, and it is clear that the Government realises this point, for we are informed that investigations are now being made for the purpose of discovering a suitable site on which to build a new Prison.

Whilst we are quite not one with the Government in its intention to erect a new Gaol, we must express regret that it is not deemed possible to proceed with the Ngau Shi Wan scheme. As we have often pointed out, a huge sum of money has already been spent on that site. The area set aside at Ngau Shi Wan was sufficient for a modern Prison as well as a Police Training School. Not only were the plans prepared, but the contract for piling the site was let out, with the result that about a quarter of a million dollars of public money was spent on this work. From time to time, there have been various reports as to the intentions of the Government regarding this scheme. First of all, it was stated that the project was merely being postponed for financial reasons; then there were rumours that the whole plan would be abandoned because the site was on leased territory. Now it is definitely stated that the site will not be utilised for the construction of a Prison, as it will be required in connexion with the development of the airport site at

Kowloon Bay. This is the first occasion on which the holding up of the Prison scheme has been attributed to that circumstance, and we think the public should have further information on this particular point, so that it may be seen whether the site is absolutely essential to the airport proposal. If not, then we still favour the new Prison being built at Ngau Shi Wan, because otherwise the huge sum already spent there will be utterly wasted. To build a Prison on some new site will involve tremendous expenditure, including, maybe, a big sum for foundations, under which heading, as we have shown, over two lakhs of public money have already been laid out. It was shown in yesterday's statement that the decision to suspend operations at Ngau Shi Wan—not abandon, be it noted—was reached after members of the Executive and Legislative Councils had visited the site in the company of H. E. the Governor. Nothing is said as to the reasons why that decision was reached, and we are left wondering whether the Council members were consulted before the further resolve was made not to proceed further with the scheme, or whether the Government decided this of its own bat. In these times when expenditure still has to be closely watched, it does seem to us that very grave reasons should be brought forward before a project on which so much public money has been paid out should be definitely thrown over in favour of one necessitating a fresh start with all the initial outlay which this would involve. The matter is of sufficient importance to warrant further questions being put to the Government on the subject.

The Flapper Vote.

While there may be a variety of reasons to account for the unanimity on all sides of the House of Commons in support of the new Franchise Bill, giving the vote to women at the age of 21, we are not really surprised that the opposition has been left in the hands of a few "Die-Hard" Conservatives. Two or three years ago "Voices for Flappers" might have proved a very controversial subject, but the shadow of a General Election looms prominently in the near future, and neither Mr. Ramsay MacDonald nor Mr. Lloyd George is quite so simple as to allow the Conservatives a popular cry when the country is asked to go to the polls. A very strong argument could, however, be made out for Sir Alexander Sprot's amendment, seeking to fix the age for both men and women at 25, except in the case of voters already on the register. It is all very well for Miss Margaret Bondfield to ridicule the idea on the ground that working class people gain all the experience they need between the ages of 14 and 21. We are not at all sure that the experience of which she speaks is the experience best calculated to cultivate in the younger generation sound political opinions. It is that as it may, our own experience is that strong convictions "for the betterment of the world" are registered during youthful enthusiasm, which are soon readjusted when maturer years enable the individual to assess things unemotionally. The power of those now exercising the vote will undoubtedly be diminished by the influx of women voters, whose favour will sway the election one way or the other. It remains to be seen whether the country will benefit by placing political control of the country in the hands of 5,000,000 between the ages of 21 and 30. We admit the difficulties attaching to the increase of the age-limit in the case of male voters, but do not accept it as a fact that these are insuperable. However, all parties appear willing to gamble on the outcome of the new Bill, and we trust the political clock will not be put further back than Sir William Joynson-Hicks thinks.

The Rev. H. G. H. Griffith, formerly assistant chaplain of Hongkong Cathedral, and latterly curate of Llangattock, has been appointed by the Provincial Patronage Board of the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon to the vicarage of Trallwng-with-Bettws, Pembrokeshire.

DAY BY DAY.

THE PROSPERITY OF ENGLAND MAINLY DEPENDS ON ITS RELATIONS WITH AMERICA, AND IN PROPORTION THAT THE ENERGIES OF AMERICA ARE DEVELOPED AND HER RESOURCES STRENGTHENED WILL THE POWER AND PROSPERITY OF ENGLAND BE CONFIRMED AND INCREASED.—Disraeli.

Sir Robert Ho Tung and party proceeded to Canton this morning by the s.s. Lungshan.

Yesterday's health return shows two cases of typhoid and one of small-pox. All were Chinese.

The Empress of Russia left Yokohama on Thursday and is due at Hongkong on the 25th instant.

The late Captain W. M. Isdale, superintendent and nautical adviser of the R. I. Steam Navigation Co., left £11,911.

The death occurred at her residence, Nelly Abbey, Hants, on March 14th, of Mrs. Ede, widow of the late Mr. N. J. Ede, formerly of Hongkong.

The s.s. Kong Ning, of the Tung Yick S.S. Company, is now being fitted with wireless, a cabin on the bridge deck being converted for the purpose.

The postponed annual general meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club will take place this afternoon, at 6 p.m. at the Club house.

The s.s. Anking, arriving from Singapore and Amoy reports, the death of two male Chinese passengers en route. The cause in one case is stated to be consumption, and in the other, heart failure.

A "Contra Dance" display by the Juvenile Society will be held at the Club de Recreo, King's Park, on Sunday, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the funds of the Society St. Vincent de Paul.

A motor car belonging to the Hongkong Electric Company, while proceeding along the Queen's Road Central yesterday afternoon, knocked down a Chinese, who was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In view of the Entertainment to be given to the Hongkong Garrison by the Society of St. George, on Monday, April 23 (St. George's Day), The Chinese Y.M.C.A. Dance at the Helena May Institute is unavoidably postponed.

A notice to mariners issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai, under date April 9th, states that the Pootung Point River Police Station has now been re-moored in its former position off Pootung Point.

At the Marine Court this morning, before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., the mistress of a passenger boat was charged with carrying goods other than passengers' luggage, namely, coal-baskets. Pleading guilty, the accused was fined \$5, with the usual alternative.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 15 arrivals and 27 departures, with British boats returning the highest number of departures, leaving 67 vessels in harbour, of which 21 were British. Carriages were generally poor, with only two inward entries of four figures, while only eight vessels registered through cargo, five of these being of four figures. Tonnage showed a reduction.

THE WEEK'S PICTURES.

MANY IN TO-MORROW'S
"TELEGRAPH."

There will again be a big variety of topical pictures in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph. Of the police inspection, there will be photographs showing the whole parade; of the Hon. C. S. P. Mr. W. Kent, A.S.P., and Inspector Andrews being decorated, and of H. E. the Governor inspecting police and fire brigade units.

Weddings of which pictures will appear include those of Mr. H. E. Gardner and Miss Margaret Follett, of Mr. H. de Graef and Miss Lina de Rocha, of Mr. H. L. Fox and Miss C. B. Hanson, and of Mr. H. H. dos Remedios and Miss L. M. de Jesus.

Other pictures will comprise a group of the Hongkong, Shanghai and Macao Portuguese football teams; of the Kowloon F.C. team with officials and shield; and cricket, tennis and football teams of the Diocesan Boys' School.

The Earl of Onslow, Chairman of the Royal Commission on Local Government, recently announced the resignation of Mr. Honoratus Lloyd, K.C., from that body. Lord Onslow explained that Mr. Lloyd had been ordered by his doctor to take a complete change.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF
HONGKONG.

[By a Chinese Returned Student.]

After a seven years' sojourn in the West, my return to the Orient is mingled with a feeling of hope and fear: hope of improved social conditions in spite of the turmoil of civil strife, and fear of finding chaos and unrest. Although I tried my best to follow the events in China while I was in England, from a long distance one gains in perspective but loses in detail.

Yesterday morning, when we steamed up the harbour and finally tied up alongside the wharf, the Chief Officer came off duty from the forecastle head and we engaged in a conversation, or rather, he talked and moralised while I listened.

"The British people," he said, "have built up this place from an island of barren rocks and made it one of the biggest and most important ports of the world. Had this been left to the Chinese, it would never have been accomplished. The British people are progressive. Wherever they go, they build and develop, thus bringing happiness to the people."

Here he paused for me to talk or to remark on what he had said. I kept my silence (either because I had nothing to say or knew not what to say best), so he continued:

"If the Chinese were capable, they would copy what the British have done in Hongkong and apply it to places inland."

By this time, the breakfast gong had gone, so we concluded our conversation. I regret not to have given, the chief officer my point of view, which does not much differ from his. I like his pride in all British undertakings (and this really, when I come to think of it, was what kept me out of the conversation and made it a sort of a monologue, as I liked to hear him talk).

Being a Chinese, my pride is in the "White Sun in the Blue Sky," signifying purity of purpose and benevolence, and the "Rainbow of Five Colours," signifying the constituent peoples of the nation. My pride in mine helps me to understand a Britisher's pride in his national flag and all that it signifies.

Upon me the Union Jack, during my residence in the British Isles, impressed much admiration. To me it represents good business principles and sound logic which our American friends cutely call "Horse Sense." These two things will go a long way; they have carried the British people all over the world. I expect to find them in Hongkong as in all places where British influence dominates, and hope our Chinese people will copy, cultivate and develop. The business section of Victoria, the ships crowding the harbour, and the promising appearance of Kowloon, all confirm my expectations.

However, the Colony evidently has its evils. As I passed through Kowloon I noticed, on several streets, houses of ill-fame carrying on business openly. A friend informed me that many of the girls came from Singapore, because they are prohibited there. If they can be prohibited in Singapore, why not Hongkong? The League of Nations is doing its best to put an end to the traffic in women, and England is one of the strongest supporters of the League on this point. Lord Parmour's strong action against the traffic in England endorses that fact. Yet, here in Hongkong, under the British flag and jurisdiction, we find this business carried on without a check. It surprised me, as one who was born and bred in China, where such houses are registered with the police in the big cities and heavily taxed. How much more offensive it must be to an Englishman coming out to Hongkong for the first time.

Another thing which came under my notice was a house, outside which was posted the notice: "Public Opium Shop." My friend told me that the place is authorised for the sale of the drug. I dare not quote the prohibition of it by Treaty agreement against the authorisation of such sale, as much of it is done in China under cover. She is probably the greatest offender from the humanitarian point of view to support the League of Nations in the suppression of narcotic drugs.

I hope to learn more about the Police Force, the systems of public schools, road-building, house construction, public sanitation, etc., and feel confident I shall find all these very efficient and up-to-date.

The impression of the first day has been most favourable, with the exception of the two points mentioned above, which might have escaped the notice of the authorities among the other hundred and one more important items. However, I sincerely hope that they will be looked into and preventive measures taken.

The Very Idea!

The Canadian Pacific Railway, which makes a practice of opening new highways, broke a road bed through a new farming district and began to develop passenger traffic. Among the settlers was an Aberdonian. After a night's journey in the train came the abominations of the morning. Somehow, or other he got the water taps working, but when it came to the soap he looked around with an air of bewilderment.

"What is a man to do for a bit of soap?" he inquired.

"Push that plunger down on the left-hand faucet," volunteered a stranger, "and you can get all the liquid soap you need."

"Is it free, or do you pay?"

"It don't cost a cent; help yourself."

"A weel, mon, this is a fair surprise to me, and I shall tak' advantage of it immediately."

With that he drew a flask from his pocket, filled it with a pint of liquid soap, and returned to his seat in the Pullman car uttering high praise for modern railway facilities.

The late Bishop Chavasse paid one of the most charming compliments ever offered. It was to his V.C. son on gaining the bronze cross.

"Up to now," said Dr. Chavasse, "you have been known as the son of the Bishop of Liverpool. In future I shall be known as the father of Captain Chavasse."

Schoolboy Howlers:—

Ovid wrote a poem called the Medea, which was lost fortunately.

The first Roman sent to Britain was very cross with the English people for not being Christians.

The Synod of Whitby was about what shape the tonsil on the priest's head should be cut.

The Ballot Act said that all voting must be done by voting.

Marsupials are poached animals.

"Why do you always go to the front door when I sing, Horace? Does it annoy you?"

"No, my dear; I just want to let the neighbours see that I'm not beating you."

In a village near Frankfurt-on-the-Oder a local farmer shows an enormous sign bearing the inscription: "Motorists drive slowly. Every goose run over will cost you fifty marks (\$2, 10s.)."

The sign is stated to have achieved the desired result of slowing down motor traffic.

Wilkesden wife: My husband has put himself out of work in order to starve me and the children into submission.

An absent offender wrote to the Wilkesden court: Please forward the amount of the fine and I will give the matter my attention. Magistrate: On the contrary, we want the amount of the fine from him.

Stratford man: I cannot be such a bad fellow. I have lived under the same roof as my mother-in-law for five years.

During the course of external renovations being carried out at the Brisbane General Post Office, a notice board situated in the colonnade leading to the posting boxes was removed, and behind it were discovered 5 letters, which, it has since been ascertained, were written in 1916, 1918, 1920, 1921, and 1923 respectively. The notice board had been affixed at the top and bottom to 1/4 in. battens. This left an opening of that width down the side of the board, and it was through this long open space that the articles were placed instead of the proper clearly indicated posting receptacles. No doubt the post office has been wrongly blamed for the non-delivery of these articles, but it cannot be expected that letters posted in such a strange "posting box" will secure the benefit of the usual prompt departmental delivery.

Mr. R. S. B. Maxwell tells of a woman who went into a London shop for a collar for a man.

Said the shop assistant: "Yes, ma'am. Here's the very thing. Sixpence each; two for tenpence ha'penny."

Woman, indignantly:—"What do you think I am—a bigamist!"

I think I stand very well with the Income-tax people.—Mr. Jack Hytton.

I have a curious prejudice against shingled heads.—The Archbishop of Canterbury.

It is the seamen who are keeping the "Bolsheviks" in their place.—Mr. Havelock Wilson.

I engage cabs as seldom as I can, because they are horribly expensive.—Mr. H. C. A. Bingley.

The good salesman must have the conviction of a crusader, the tact of a diplomat, and the tenacity of a bulldog.—Sir William Lark.

MR. HAYNES' \$1,000 CLAIM.**VALIDITY OF CLAIM TO BE ARGUED.****MR BREWER'S REQUEST**

The case in which Mr. L. E. Haynes claims against Mr. N. I. Brewer, of the Instone Banking Corporation, \$1,000 for work done and materials supplied, was again mentioned in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Wood, when Mr. Brewer asked his Lordship to rule whether, in law, there was a case on the issue or not.

When the case was first called, Mr. Brewer was absent, but he put in an appearance shortly afterwards.

The plaintiff, who was absent, was represented by Mr. O. E. C. Martin.

Mr. Brewer asked his Lordship if he could direct, on the issue, whether there was a case on the question of law.

His Lordship:—You can submit that at the trial.

Mr. Brewer:—It might determine the whole case if were settled beforehand.

His Lordship asked Mr. Martin whether he was responsible for the particulars, and received a reply in the negative.

His Lordship requested Mr. Martin to read the particulars, which he did, after which he asked for a week's adjournment, saying he could go into the matter of the plaintiff's case again.

His Lordship said Mr. Brewer had duties outside the Colony, for which reason he was anxious not to be called upon to put in a series of attendances.

Mr. Martin:—We will try to settle it.

Mr. Brewer:—What I would best like would be for your Lordship to direct on the issue.

His Lordship:—To be heard when?

Mr. Brewer:—To suit the plaintiff's convenience. I don't mind any one day.

His Lordship:—At eleven o'clock on Thursday to consider whether there is any case.

His Lordship then asked how would they stand if Mr. Martin applied for leave to provide further and better particulars.

Mr. Brewer:—Then I shall be pleased to receive them.

His Lordship intimated he thought the best plan would be to put the case into next Friday's list, and this was agreed to.

WING ON EMPLOYEE SENTENCED.**EMBEZZLEMENT BY ALTERING RECEIPTS.**

Cheng Tse-lam, an employee of the Wing On Company, was sentenced this morning to seven months' hard labour when he pleaded guilty, in Major C. Wilson's Court, to seven charges of embezzlement by means of altering the receipts of the Company.

Mr. Willie Lam, accountant of the Wing On Company, was present in Court on behalf of the complainants, whilst Sergeant Flattery prosecuted.

On defendant pleading guilty, Sergeant Flattery stated that the total sum involved amounted to \$478.27 and extended over a period of four months, from January to April of this year.

The defendant had been six years in the Company's employ and his work consisted of arranging for coolies for the Delivery Department. Whenever defendant wished to draw money to pay for coolies, he had to write out a voucher in duplicate, which had to be received by the signature of the manager or accountant, before the cashier paid over the money.

The defendant, in seven cases, after having obtained the signature on the vouchers, caused the amounts to be altered, thereby fraudulently drawing a larger sum than approved by the management. The trick was discovered when the Company found the coolie hire expenses soaring up. A comparison between the original and duplicate vouchers revealed the fraud.

His Worship sentenced defendant to one month's hard labour on each of the seven counts, the sentences to run consecutively.

The Surrey Commercial Docks disaster in November, 1923, when five men were drowned through the overturning of a raft, was recalled at a Poplar inquest on James Henry Smith, 67. Smith was among those who assisted in the rescue work. He dived into the dock and saved two of 30 men who were struggling in the water. The widow stated that her husband died in the street just after leaving a doctor's surgery, and medical evidence was given that death was due to angina pectoris.

HAYLEY MORRISS DIVORCE.**JUDGE ON CRIMINAL CONDUCT.****ALIMONY ORDERED PENDING NEW CASE.****OUTSPOKEN COMMENT.**

Attended by two warders Hayley Eustace Morriss, formerly of Pippingford Park, Uckfield, was present in the divorce court on March 20, before the president, Lord Merrivale, who further considered his petition for divorce against his wife, Eliza Phyllis Thurston Ward Morriss.

Morriss had alleged misconduct between his wife and the co-respondent, Mr. Dudley Wood, of Park Lane, London, and claimed damages.

A special jury found misconduct between the respondent and co-respondent, but said they did not think it was a case for damages.

Wife's Maintenance.

The judge, however, then ordered that the decree nisi should not be drawn up until the question of the wife's maintenance had been disposed of.

Morriss argued his case in person and Mr. Rolfe appeared for Mrs. Morriss.

Mr. Rolfe submitted that it was a case in which the petitioner should be called upon to make some provision for his wife's future, in order that she might have a chance of leading a respectable life.

When it was ascertained that neither Mrs. Hayley Morriss nor the co-respondent was in Court, the judge intimated that he would hear evidence which the petitioner desired to call.

Evidence was then given.

Petitioner Responsible?

Mr. Rolfe submitted that there was nothing in the evidence to affect his contention that the petitioner was responsible to a large extent for the degradation of his wife, having regard to the grave moral injury he had done to her character.

Lord Merrivale, giving his decision, said the question was whether there was anything in the relations of the parties and Morriss' treatment of his wife which would induce the Court to regard her as an injured woman for whom provision ought to be made.

He said he did not think that Morriss was the author of the mischief, but he did involve his wife in a course of criminal conduct of a very aggravated form.

Alimony Ordered.

This was a suit which was at present pending. He proposed to direct that the payment of alimony pendente lite (pending the hearing of the case) from the time of the beginning of the suit to the time of the dissolution of the marriage should be lodged in Court; that it should be at the rate of the payments which the petitioner voluntarily made (£30. 6s. 8d. per month) pending the suit; that the sums which he had paid on account should be credited, and that the balance should be the amount to be lodged.

"That being done," said Lord Merrivale, "I see no reason why the purely artificial relationship between the parties, which, I think, was brought into being as part of the scheme of criminal conduct and was equally to the discredit of each of them, should be allowed to intervene in the cause of the dissolution of the marriage."

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.**RESULT FOR LAST WEEK.**

Only eleven out of the twelve matches given in our football Competition coupon were played last week, owing to the fact that in compiling the coupon we overlooked the fact that Glasgow Rangers were playing in the final of the Scottish Cup against Celtic.

There were a number of surprising results in the remaining eleven matches, in consequence of which only a few claims were sent in.

The prize of \$25 goes to

L. A. Ozorio,

St. Joseph's Building,

who sent in a successful claim in respect of nine correct forecasts. There were two other claims in which the competitors thought they had nine correct, but on examination of their coupons we find that they had only eight correct on any one coupon. We wish them better luck next time.

This week's coupon will be found on another page of this issue.

GRADING OF FARM PRODUCE.**PROTECTION FOR PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS.****NEW BILL PROVISIONS.**

London, Apr. 19. Lt.-Col. W. E. Gullane, the Minister for Agriculture, moved in the House of Commons, the second reading of the Bill for the grading and marking of agricultural produce, which has already passed the House of Lords.

He said it was proposed to start immediately with two branches of products. Schemes had already been developed for marking eggs and had been approved by the interests concerned.

Different grades had also been worked out for fruit and a scheme for applying these grades had been provisionally agreed upon with the National Farmers' Union.

The Bill gave the Minister of Agriculture power to define the grades and prescribe the designation marks.

It was proposed that the use of marks should be controlled by a national committee which would be advised by trade committees representing the various commodities interested. Preserved and cold-stored eggs would be marked as a protection for the producers and the consumers of new laid eggs.

The operation of such marking would, however, be dependent upon an order being put into force for a similar marking of foreign eggs.

The second reading was passed. —British Wireless.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 19.	
Paris	124
New York	4.88 11/32
Brussels	34.97
Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.10 1/2
Milan	92.55
Berlin	20.42
Copenhagen	13.18
Stockholm	13.20
Oslo	13.24
Vina	34.72 1/2
Prague	104 1/2
Helsinki	194
Madrid	29.12 1/2
Lisbon	2 1/2
Athens	375 1/2
Bucharest	779 1/2
Rio	559 1/2
Buenos Aires	47.15 1/2
Rangoon	1/6 3/4
Shanghai	2/6 3/4
Hongkong	2/6 3/4
Yokohama	1/11 13/32
Silver (spot)	25.7 1/2
Silver (forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

The Royal Institute of British Architects has honoured Mr. E. Guy Dawber, A.R.A., one of their past Presidents by electing him Royal Gold Medalist in Architecture for 1928. His name will be submitted to the King as a fit recipient for this distinguished honour.

Miss Jessie Bond, a counter clerk telegraphist in the London postal service, has been awarded the Imperial Service Medal for 35 years' honourable service with unblemished character.

ECHO OF YANGTSE DISASTER.**BIG CONTROVERSY IS ENDED.****ATSUTA MARU OWNERS AGREE TO ARBITRATION.****REFERRED TO TOKYO.**

Shanghai, Apr. 8. Ending what threatened to be a long-drawn-out controversy calculated to stir up illfeeling, the Japanese owners of the steamer Atsuta Maru, which collided with the Chinese vessel Hsin Da Ming, sinking the latter, have agreed to a board of five arbitrators to investigate the tragedy, fix the responsibility and settle claims for indemnity.

The Hsin Da Ming, it will be recalled, went to the bottom of the Yangtze River near Beaver Island on the night of February 18, after being rammed by the Atsuta Maru.

Over 300 Lives Lost.

More than 300 Chinese passengers and members of the crew of the ill-fated ship lost their lives. The owners of the Hsin Da Ming immediately declared the Japanese vessel to have been at fault and called upon the owners of the ship, the D. K. K. Company, to pay for the loss of the vessel and cargo, as well as to compensate the relatives of the victims.

A controversy as to the responsibility for the disaster immediately rose. The Chinese, through the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, then proposed that a board of five arbitrators be selected to determine the responsibility. The Chinese chose Mr. William P. Hunt, local Manager of the United States Shipping Board, and Mr. Stirling Fessenden, Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Japanese Objections.

The Japanese, under the terms of the proposal, were to appoint two members to the board, the fifth member to be selected by the four members.

The Atsuta Maru owners, however, through the local Japanese Consulate, at first would not agree to the proposal. The Japanese insisted that four arbitrators and not five, be chosen.

Both sides were adamant and for a time there were some rumours of anti-Japanese boycotts. The Chinese newspapers also published stories of proposed coffin parades and demonstrations to be made by the relatives of the victims as a protest against the alleged indifference of the Japanese. The coffin parade and other rumoured demonstrations never came to pass.

Notes Exchanged.

Notes were exchanged between Mr. Quo Tai-chi, who was then Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, and Mr. S. Yada, Japanese Consul-General.

In a recent note to Mr. Yada, Mr. Quo pointed out that indemnity for the dead should be considered much more important than compensation for the loss of the ship or cargo. Mr. Quo suggested that the matter of compensating the relatives of the victims be considered first.

This communication was sent to Mr. Yada after the latter had

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PRINCE'S WISH IS FULFILLED.**"POPPY DAY" TOTAL OVER £500,000.****FIGURES ANALYSED.**

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, when speaking on the wireless on the evening of November 10th last year in support of the "Poppy Day" Appeal, said:—"We bought so many poppies last year and so nearly reached the total of £500,000, that surely we can do a little better this year and realise the half million to-morrow. So will each one of you give a little more for your poppy than you did last year? Give even a little more than you can afford, remembering that even if it is a sacrifice, it is a small one compared with theirs, and that in so giving we are keeping alive that spirit of unselfish comradeship in which they so gallantly went away, willingly gave of their best, and often of their all. In the name of these dear ones we have lost and for the sake of those who are still with us but in such crying need, I ask you to be very generous to-morrow."

Exceeded by £4,000.

It is pleasing to be able to report that the Prince's wish has been fulfilled, and Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1, makes it known that the total received to date in respect of "Poppy Day", 1927 is just over £504,000 a figure which speaks eloquently of the generosity of the contributors, and the enthusiastic and efficient services rendered by many thousands of voluntary workers.

Even this is not the final total, as collections made in several far distant overseas places have still to be received.

Of this splendid total of £504,000, no less than £72,999 was contributed in Greater London, £262,363 in the English and Welsh Counties, £76,991 in Scotland, £14,000 in Ireland, and £63,891 by British Communities overseas.

Of the remaining £14,000 passengers on British liners at sea on November 11th last gave £3,379, followers of Hounds (by means of "Caps") £2,787, and by sales of Flanders Poppy Wreaths, etc., £7,234.

Overseas Enthusiasm.

Space does not permit mention being made of more than a few of the outstanding collections received, but the following indicate the spirit of enthusiasm in which overseas collections were made:—British Malaya sent £15,744, Ceylon £5,926, the Gold Coast £3,765, Nigeria £3,311.

Many collections on liners were extraordinarily good, £429 being received from the Edinburgh Castle, £419 from the Rajputana, and £200 from the Almazora. Practically without exception, poppy sales were arranged on every British liner at sea on Remembrance Day.

Collections in the English and Welsh Counties were outstandingly successful, the aggregate totals showing an advance on the previous year of 25%. The following are a few of the principal amounts received:—Birmingham £11,635, Manchester £8,170, Liverpool £5,307, Bristol £4,434, Leeds £2,923, Sheffield £2,608, Hull £1,836, Southend £1,808, Bournemouth £1,805, Newcastle £1,666, Nottingham £1,293, Northampton £1,288, and Leicester £1,287.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?**TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.**

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

- 1 What game is claimed to be the fastest in the world?
- 2 Where was a day of prayer recently set apart to ask for the deliverance of the city from "evil"?
- 3 What famous man whose biography is now in course of publication referred to himself in a skit as "a most superior person"?
- 4 What and where is the Bois de Boulogne?
- 5 How did Atalanta choose her husband?
- 6 What is the Scotch word for "goose"? Give another synonym for this plant.
- 7 Name the city once known as "The Bride of the Adriatic."
- 8 What is a staccato?
- 9 Explain the difference between "forego" and "forgo."
- 10 What, in music, is the name of the interval between the key-note and the dominant?
- 11 Name the largest trees in the world.
- 12 Who opposed Mark Antony and Octavian Caesar at the Battle of Philippi?



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A conference of Trade Union branches, co-operative societies, and labour organisations met in Nottingham recently for the purpose of "considering ways and means of helping the Notts Miners' Association, in their struggle against victimisation and the breaking up of their organisation by subversive measures." After the delegates had heard a statement by Mr. F. B. Varley, M.P., they appointed a committee to raise financial aid and to help the Notts Miners' Association.

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The superiority of patent fibre packing cases over the customary wooden type, for the shipment of cargo, was strikingly demonstrated yesterday afternoon at the offices of Messrs. J. M. da Rocha and Company, who are the local agents for this new form of packing case.

It was whilst Mr. J. M. da Rocha was in San Francisco some time ago that he became acquainted with these fibre containers, which are produced by the fibre Board Products Co., of that city, but after ordering a big stock, he learned that their use had been banned by the Hongkong Shipping Board. He was able, however, by actual shipment experiments, to convince the San Francisco Shipping Board that the fibre cases were superior to the wooden ones, and yesterday a demonstration given in his Company's office to local shipping men proved so effective that all objection to their use has now been withdrawn.

Yesterday's demonstration took the form of throwing from the third-storey window two packages of fire-crackers—one enclosed in a wooden and the other in a fibre packing case. This was done by Mr. J. O. Sheppard, of the Canada Pacific Steamships, Ltd. On subsequent examination by shipping firm and Press representatives, it was found that the wooden box was badly smashed and the packages of fire-crackers torn, whilst the fibre case was practically undamaged and its contents uninjured. Moreover, the wooden case would doubtless have been smashed to smithereens but for the Acme steel straps with which it was bound. It was also shown in further demonstration that the fibre cases are both waterproof and fireproof.

During the afternoon, it was pointed out by Mr. da Rocha that fibre cases have still further advantages over wood. Their cost is a little less; they are less bulky which means a saving on freight over a big shipment; the U.S. customs duty on fibre cases is 8 cents gold per lb. which means a very considerable saving as there was a difference of 4 lbs. weight between the two small boxes used in yesterday's demonstration; and since fibre cases can be folded flat they are returnable and can be used over and over again.

Those present at yesterday's demonstration included Messrs. E. N. Ryan and J. O. Sheppard of the C.P.S., T. B. Wilson of Dollar and Admiral Line, H. Uyemura of the N.Y.K., T. Hirose of the O.S.K., J. B. Lanyon and M.A.A. Macintosh of the Blue Funnel Line, V. M. Grayburn of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, O. Streemstra of the Netherlands Trading Society, and Mr. Menearini, a retired Commissioner of the Chinese Customs.

Following the loss to the Tyneside of the Swedish State coal contract, the bulk of which went to Poland, another contract of long standing has been diverted from Newcastle by the keenness of foreign competition. Athens Gas Works' contract for 10,000 tons of gas coal at 21s. 9d. a ton c.i.f., April and May delivery, has gone to Germany. The lowest tender from the Newcastle district is believed to have been at least threepence a ton higher.

Mr. Justice Salter is to preside in future over the Railway and Canal Commission, in the place of Lord Justice Sankey, who has been promoted to the Court of Appeal. The other members of the Commission, which deals very largely with applications under the Mines (Working Facilities and Support) Acts, are Sir E. Tindal Atkinson, K.C., and Sir Lewis Coward, K.C.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches and Scottish Cup and League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 21st) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

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Spurs v Bury.

DIVISION II.

Reading v Port Vale.

Southampton v Swansea.

Notts City v Fulham.

DIVISION III.

Torquay v Swindon.

Exeter v Newport.

Bournemouth v Plymouth.

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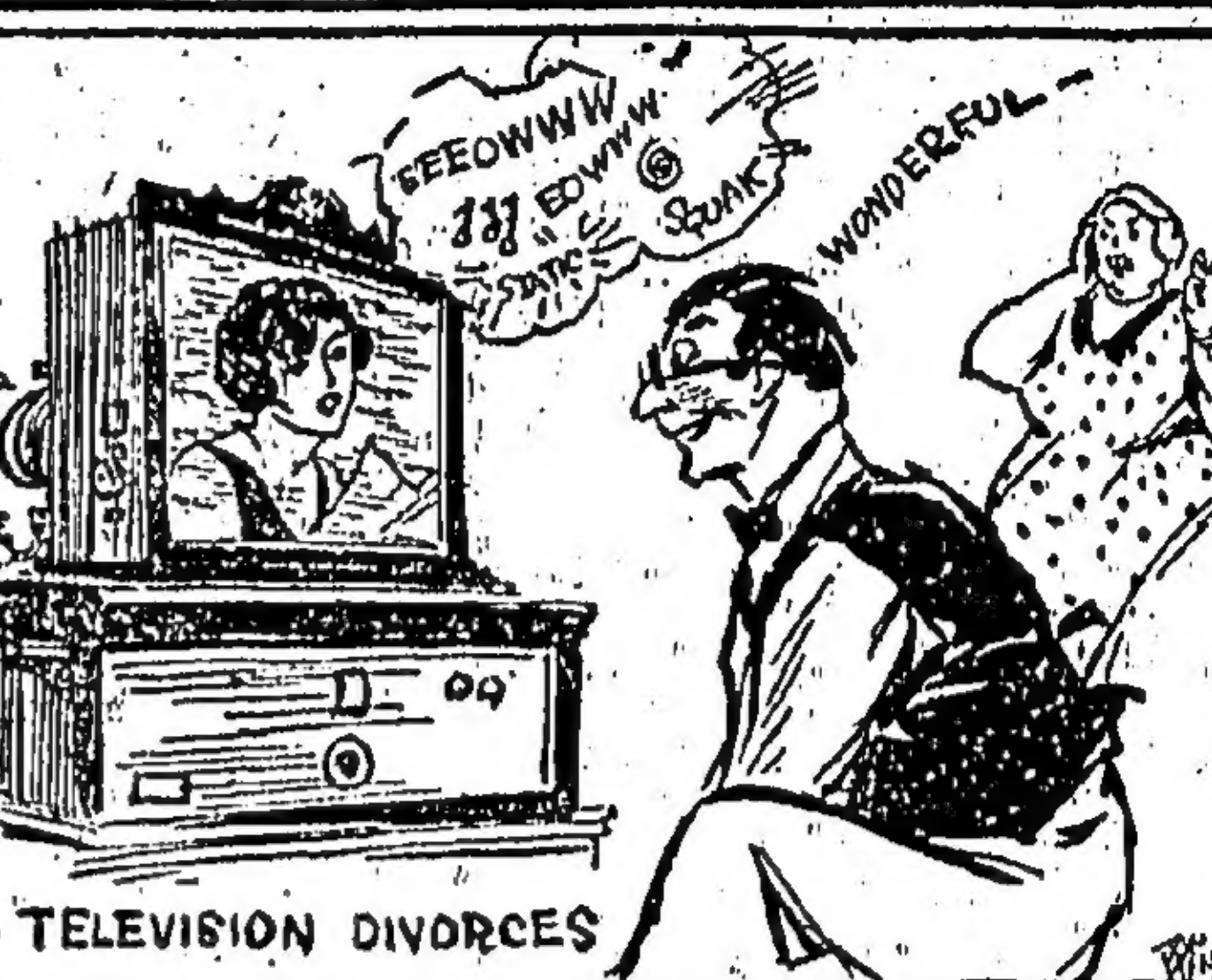
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Torquay	v.	Swindon.
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G.B.S. ON WOMEN "HAMBURG."

THE SHOWING-UP OF THE VICTORIANS.

"THOSE I LOVED."

"The Victorian woman was a humbug—a wonderful person indeed, but a sham—one acting a part."

"When Ibsen came along, she went to her dressing-room and took off her make-up."

Mr. G. Bernard Shaw, in an Ibsen Centenary Lecture to the British Drama League at the Royal Society of Arts, contrasted the pre-Ibsen woman and the post-Ibsen woman.

Jane Austen, George Eliot and Charlotte Bronte were not real women, he said.

"They were stage women. They were women who discovered that there was an ideal woman, as it were, and that it was up to them to play the part, just as an Irishman, realising that there is a stage Irishman, accepts the position and plays up to him."

Playing a Part.

"The real women were there all the time, but they had to play a part and wear a dress, which was a very long dress."

"The woman of those days had to cover the lower part of her person with a very long skirt."

"As for the upper part of her person, it had to be, not dressed, but upholstered. (Laughter)."

"She had to be what is known as the Victorian woman, and to be dressed so as to excite 'sex appeal.' 'I have my dreams of the past,' continued Mr. Shaw, 'and when I think of the women I loved it is nothing like the present-day young person with legs that I see, but a woman with a long skirt and an ample bodice.'"

"But, you know, the real animal was there all the time."

It was Ibsen who broke the spell, declared Mr. Shaw. He smashed the stage woman, with the result that the next generation of women came up as real. They came up almost exactly like men.

Shakespeare a "Beginner."

Mr. Shaw compared Ibsen and Shakespeare.

Ibsen, he said, "recapitulated" Shakespeare, got done with him, and wrapped him into a small parcel before he was 30; he had passed the stage of Moliere before

SHIPPING NEWCOMERS.

"PROTEUS" ARRIVES; "BARON HAIG" COMING.

A vessel new to the port is recorded in this morning's returns, this being the Norwegian s.s. Proteus, owned by Warrington and Co., for whom Messrs. Karsten Larsen act as the local agents.

The Proteus entered from Newcastle (Australia) and Thio (New Caledonia), with a cargo of 1,187 tons of coal for local discharge. Captain Oakland was in command, with a crew of five Europeans and 29 Asiatics.

The vessel was built in 1902 by J. Crown, of Sunderland, and entered to 149 N.H.P., by the North Eastern Marine Eng. Co., of Shields. Her dimensions are: Length, 290 feet; beam, 36.8 feet; and moulded depth, 20 feet, with a gross tonnage of 1,678, and net tonnage 1,024. Draught on entry was 12 feet forward and 13 feet aft.

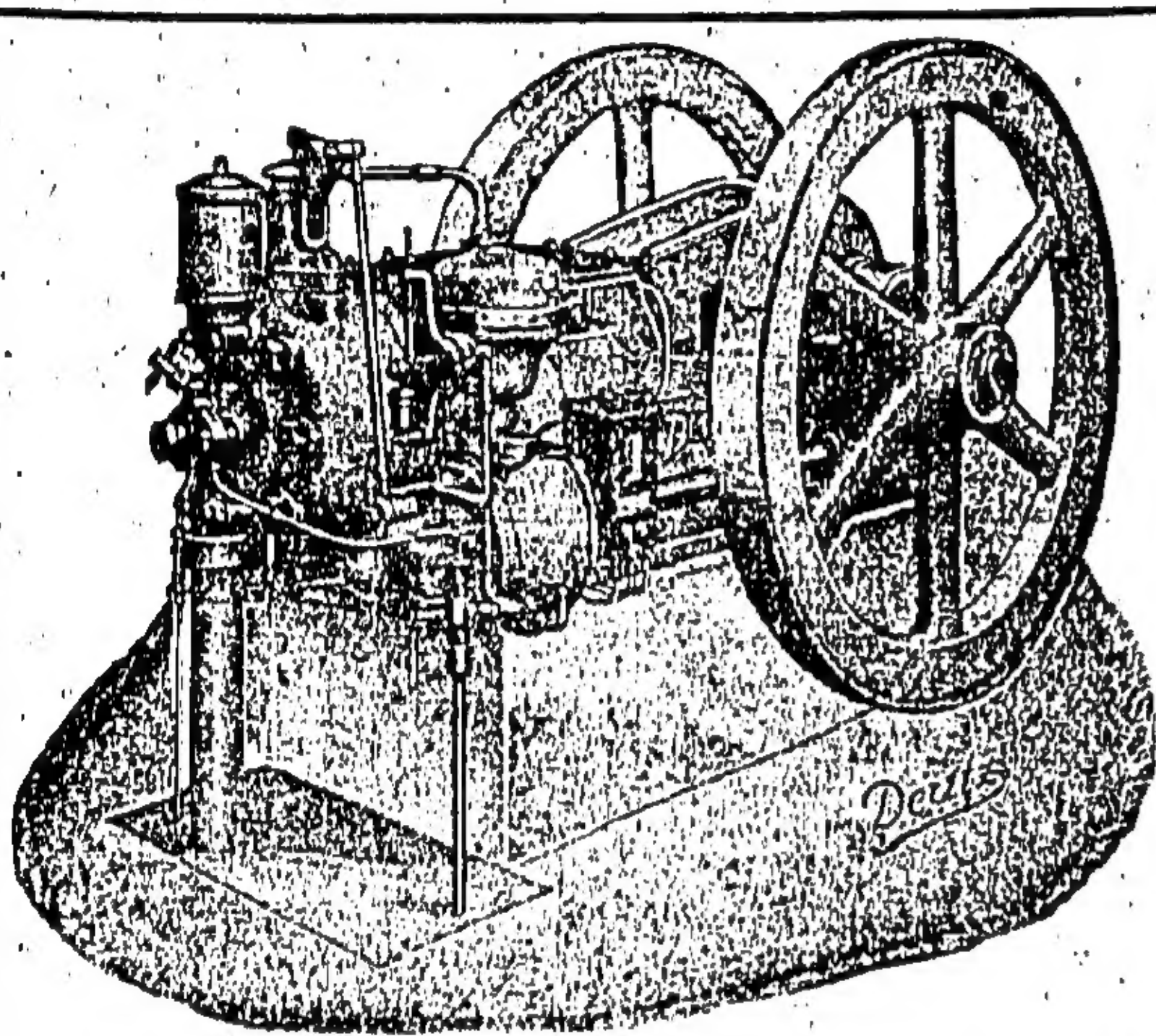
Another new vessel due to arrive to-morrow is the s.s. Baron Haig, of the Hogarth S.S. Company. This ship was built to the order of the Hogarth interests by the Ayrshire Dockyard Company, of Irvine, in 1926 and registered at Ardrossan.

With a gross tonnage of 3,391 and net tonnage of 2,039, her dimensions are: Length, 342.2 feet; beam, 48.6 feet; and moulded depth, 22.7 feet. She was engaged by Rowans, of Glasgow, to 225 N.H.P.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Darwen (Lancs), which was closed after a series of demonstrations against the ritualistic character of the services, was reopened last month. The morning service was attended by more than a thousand people. The Rev. A. L. J. Shields, of the Industrial Christian Fellowship, who has been placed in temporary charge of the parish, stated that this policy would be "least said soonest mended." They would never get peace by fighting for it.

he was 40, and of Goethe before he was 50.

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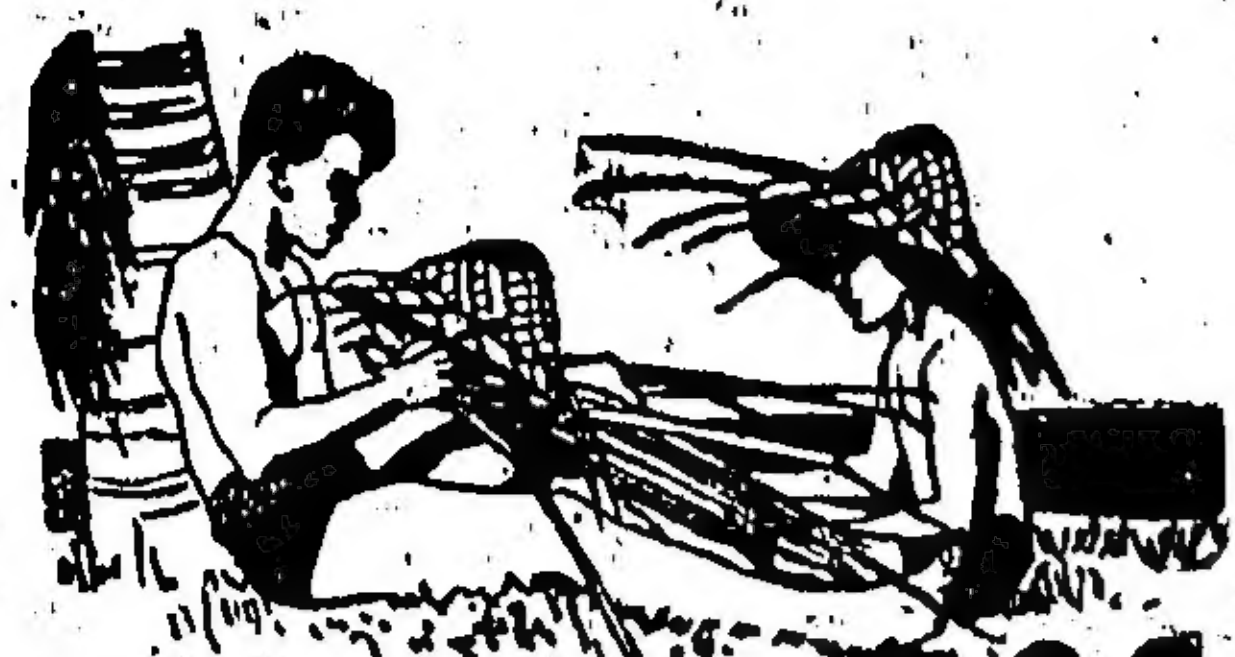
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 326. Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Order by Lieut-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O. Commandant.

Hongkong, Fri., Apr. 20. The Corps will parade as strong as possible in four Companies at Volunteer Headquarters at 9 a.m. on Sunday, 6th May, 1928.

Attention of all is drawn to Infantry Training Vol. I, Chap. 14, sec. 204.

Practice parades will be held at Corps Headquarters on the following dates:

Thursday, 26th April, at 5.30 p.m. Mufti.

Thursday, 3rd May, at 5.30 p.m. Uniform.

Details have been circulated separately to all ranks of the Corps on 10. 4. 28.

2. Musketry.

Sunday, 22nd April, 1928.—The Portuguese Company will fire Part I Table "a" at Stonecutters on Friday, 22nd April, 1928.

Range Officer: Lieut. R. R. Davies, M.C., M.M. Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters to-day, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 8 p.m. and on Saturday, 21st April, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

3. The Battery.

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, 26th April, at 5.30 p.m. Rehearsal (in mufti) for presentation of Colours. Every member is expected to attend.

Royal Artillery Association. All members are reminded of the Smoking Concert to be held at R. E. Theatre on Friday, 26th April at 8.30 p.m. Tickets 30 cents each are obtainable at the door. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.

Musketry on Sunday, 6th May is cancelled. Casuals in Part I arrange to fire with other units, last Sunday available May 27th, 1928.

4. Infantry Company.

There will be no further Company Parades this month but all members of the Company are expected to make every effort to turn out for the presentation of Colours to the Corps on Sunday, 6th May, details later, and to the practice parades as hereunder:

Thursday, 26th April, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

Dress: Mufti, belt and side arms. Thursday, 3rd May, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters.

Dress as for G. O. C.'s Inspection. Musketry, Part I, Table "a" will be fired at Stonecutters on Sunday, 20th April, 1928. Range Officer: 2/Lt. H. Owen-Hughes.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Uniform or mufti optional, but rifle, bayonet, pouches, braces, and belt must be worn.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, 27th April, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 8 p.m. and Saturday, 28th April, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

5. Portuguese Company.

Musketry Part I, see order No. 2. Tuesday, 24th April at 5.30 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Lewis Gun will parade at Corps Headquarters for Lewis Gun Instruction.

Recruits parade at Corps Headquarters for Arms and Squad Drill. Thursday, 26th April at 5.30 p.m. The Company will parade at full strength. Dress: Mufti, belt, side arms and rifle, at Corps Headquarters.

6. Strength.

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1308 Pte. J. D. Azedo, No. 9 Platoon, as from 13. 4. 28.

No. 1309 Pte. N. A. E. Mackay, No. 2 Platoon, as from 17. 4. 28.

7. Promotions and Appointments. The following promotions and appointments take effect from 18. 4. 28.

No. 2. Platoon.

No. 1094 L/Cpl. A. Urquhart, to be Corporal.

No. 767 L/Cpl. W. M. Groves, to be Corporal.

No. 1103 Pte. D. M. Richards, to be Lance Corporal.

8. Transfers.

No. 948 Spr. G. Davidson is transferred from Field Sec. Engineer Co. to the Mounted Infantry Co. as from 3. 4. 28.

No. 245 Signaller H. W. Pomeroy is transferred from Signals to the Light Section, Engineer Co. as from 22. 12. 27.

No. 477 Signaller J. J. King and No. 1,110 Signaller A. L. Cole are transferred from Signals to the Signal Section, The Battery, as from 19. 4. 28.

No. 614 Spr. J. W. Wadmore is transferred from Field Sec. Engineer Co. to the Reserve Company, as from 18. 4. 28.

No. 1132 Pte. F. G. Ribeiro is transferred from No. 10 Platoon to No. 9 Platoon, as from 12. 4. 28.

9. Reversion.

No. 777 L/Cpl. F. E. G. Munn, No. 2 Platoon, reverts to the ranks at his own request, as from 18.4.28.

10. Leave.

Lieut. A. H. Penn, Infantry Company, is granted leave of absence from the Corps from 15. 4. 28. to 31. 5. 28.

11. Resignations.

Having left the Colony, as from 18. 4. 28.

No. 446 Pte. R. W. Williamson, No. 4 Platoon, as from 10th April, 1928.

HONGKONG WEATHER.

PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF YEAR.

The report of Mr. T. F. Claxton, the Director of the Royal Observatory at Hongkong, for last year, which has just been published, extends to nineteen pages. It contains much technical information and the following principal features of the weather in 1927:

(a) Rainfall very considerable above normal in May and considerably above normal in July and August. 6.01 inches fell from May 6 to 8 and 15.75 inches from May 17 to 24.

(b) Temperature considerably below normal in March and April and considerably above in November and December.

(c) A typhoon which passed a few miles to the South of Hongkong in the morning of July 25, causing a moderate gale. Another typhoon which passed a few miles to the South of Gap Rock in the morning of August 20, causing a violent gale at Hongkong.

Barometric pressure was persistently below normal from January to August, and again in November and December. In September it was considerably above normal and in October moderately above. The mean pressure for the year at station level (109 feet above sea level) was 29.830 ins. as against 29.877 ins. in 1926 and 29.842 for the past 44 years. The highest pressure was 30.305 ins. on February 7 as against 30.384 ins. in 1926 and 30.509 ins. for the past 44 years. The lowest pressure was 29.227 ins. on July 26 as against 29.229 ins. in 1926 and 28.590 ins. for the past 44 years.

The temperature of the air was considerably below normal in March and April and considerably above in November and December. The mean temperature for the year was 71.4° as against 71.6° in 1926 and 71.8° for the past 44 years. The highest temperature was 93.1° on August 19, as against 92.5° in 1926 and 97.0° for the past 44 years. The lowest temperature was 45.9° on February 7, as against 43.2° in 1926 and 32.0° for the past 44 years.

The Rainfall.

The rainfall was very considerably above normal in May and considerably above normal in July and August. The total for the year was 107.85 ins. as against 100.78 ins. in 1926 and 86.06 ins. for the past 44 years. The greatest fall in one civil day was 7.25 ins. on May 23 as against 21.02 ins. in 1926; the highest on record. The greatest fall in one hour was 2.10 ins. between 12½ and 1½ p.m. on May 1, as against 3.95 ins. in 1926; also the highest on record.

The wireless mast at the Observatory was struck by lightning during a thunder storm on August 10. The operator was thrown out of his chair.

Typhoons.

The tracks of 19 typhoons and 21 of the principal depressions which occurred in the Far East in 1927 are given in two plates in the Monthly Meteorological Bulletin for December, 1927.

A typhoon passed a few miles to the South of the Observatory on a WNW track on the morning of July 25. By this time its violence had abated, however. It produced only a moderate gale at Hongkong. Another typhoon which passed about 70 miles to the South of the Observatory in the forenoon of August 20, on a westerly track, produced a violent gale at Hongkong. The maximum squall velocity was at the rate of 115 m.p.h. at 15h. 23m. A typhoon formed to the North of the Paracels on the morning of November 20. It approached Hongkong but filled up on reaching the land. The maximum squall velocity was at the rate of 74 m.p.h. at 12h. 27m. A depression formed near Pratas on the morning of August 30 and passed between Hongkong and Gap Rock in the afternoon. The wind velocity increased from 11 m.p.h. at 13h. to 28 m.p.h. at 14h. and a squall at the rate of 57 m.p.h. occurred at 14h. 23m. By 1½h. it was dead calm.

7. Platoon. On Medical Grounds, as from 3. 4. 28.

No. 1,195 Pte. E. G. Luz, No. 10 Platoon.

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Notice.

Royal Artillery (British) Athletic Meeting, 1928.

Half mile open to the Royal Navy, European Garrison (including the H. K. V. D. Corps), R.A.F., and Hongkong Police, will take place at Sookunpoo on Friday, 20th April, at 5.15 p.m.

Entries from Units, etc. to be sent in to the Sports Secretary, R.A. Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, by Thursday morning the 10th April, 1928.

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FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY YESTERDAY.

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The first passages of the burial service were read in the Cemetery Chapel, the Rev. St. L. Webb, Senior Chaplain to the Forces of the cemetery, was present at the ceremony were the wife, three daughters and four sons.

Messrs. R. Baker (representing Kowloon-Canton Railway), A. W. Grimmit and C. E. Frith (representing R. M. Old Comrades' Association), G. A. Walker, J. Smith, F. Whynard, A. McCallum, R. Shannon, W. Cuff, H. Griffin, and representatives of Police and Prison staffs from Lai-chikok Gaol. A number of the members of the K. C. R. Chinese staff were also present.

Among a beautiful collection of floral tributes were wreaths from Loving wife, Rose; (sons and daughters), William, Annie and Fanny; Sarah and Frank; Baby; Sister Alice and family; Alice and Jimmy; Mother, Jack, Harry, Baby, Sarah, Fanny, Alice, Lizzy and Bobby; Drawing Office Staff, Kowloon-Canton Railway; E. W. W. Staff; Manager and Staff, Kowloon-Canton Railway; Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association.

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Messrs. R. H. Charles, I. B. Trevor, A. McCallum, G. B. Groom, W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, H. W. Hammond, G. A. Walker, W. S. Cuff, Inspectors Moss and Broyn, Sergeant Main, Old Friends from Central Police Station, and Ah Cheong.

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Collins	100 Broadbridge
Murphy	150 Davis
Dyer	138 Grew
Gowland	150 Grimes
Robertson	133 Scouler
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Totals	798

Lusitano v. China Light.

The Lusitano in a "friendly" against a team from the China Light and Power Recreation Club, play commencing at 9 p.m. to-day at the Club Lusitano.—E. A. dos Remedios, G. A. Carvalho, S. M. Cruz, J. M. V. Ribeiro, A. C. Rozario and H. L. Sequidra.

Palace Hotel Finals.

The finals in the Palace Hotel billiard tournament will be played to-night between S. E. Silva and A. Lewis. Mr. Silva's handicap is -150 and Mr. Lewis' -100. An exciting finish to the tournament is expected. The game starts at 9 sharp.

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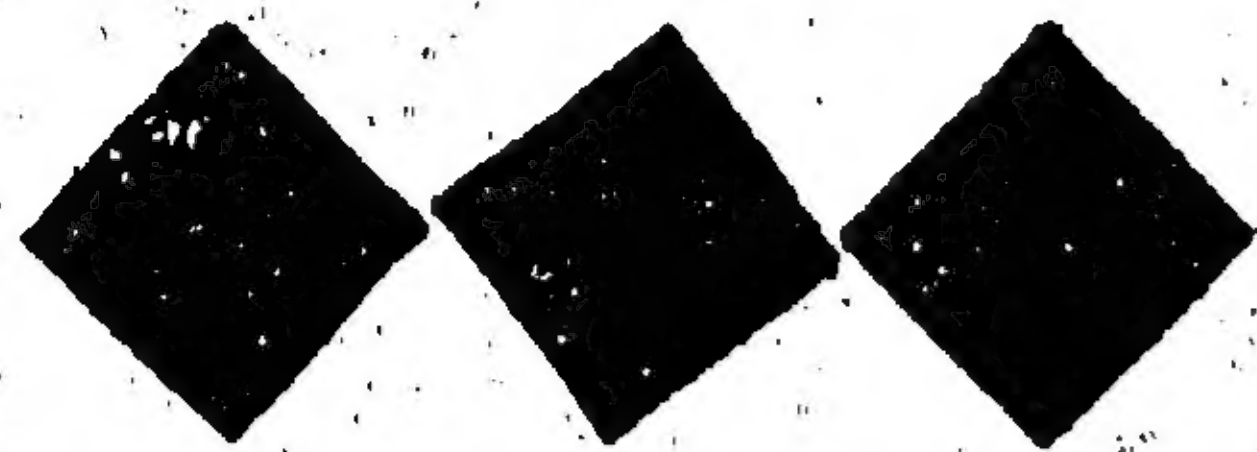
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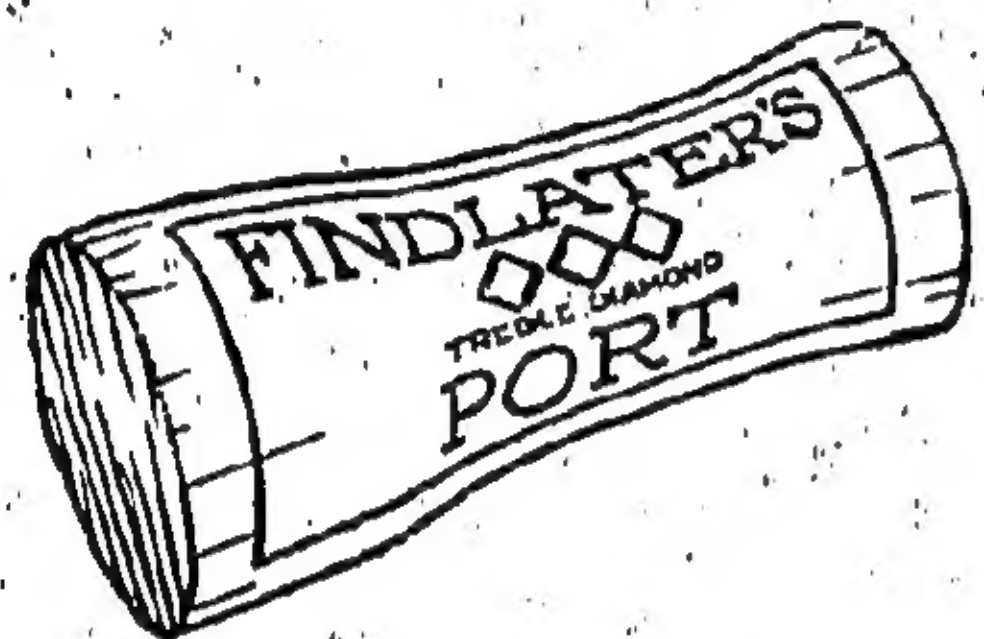
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SERIOUS OFFENCE.

MANUFACTURING THE KING'S CURRENCY.

One of the most serious indictments arising out of the Coinage Offences Ordinance for which the maximum penalty is imprisonment for life, was brought against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court yesterday afternoon, when a tenant of No. 356, Portland Street, was charged with being in possession of three moulds upon which appeared impressions resembling both sides of the King's current silver coin.

Inspector Fallon giving evidence said that at 6.15 a.m. on April 4, he raided No. 356, Portland Street by virtue of a warrant and acting on information received. Included in the party was Lai Sui, the Chief Chinese Detective and four other detectives.

On entering the floor witness went into a cubicle to search and detailed Lai Sui to go to the front portion of the house. Whilst witness was searching the cubicle, the chief Chinese detective called to him. Witness went to the verandah and was handed the moulds which had been found in a basket containing, among other things, three bags of rice, which witness suggested were used for shining coins.

Other paraphernalia found by the police on the verandah included two files, which, after examination, his Worship remarked had apparently been used to file some white metal, a piece of board similar to that used for cleaning knives, three parcels of powder and several other articles, some of which Inspector Fallon intimated had no bearing on the case.

When questioned about the moulds, the defendant who was on the floor at the time, stated that they had been left by a friend who had gone to Canton. The other things also belonged to this man.

The defendant was taken into custody and witness went into his room where he found under the bed, three bottles containing a liquid and two bottles containing powder. The latter bottles were labelled "Plaster of Paris" and "Potassium Cyanide" respectively, while the contents of one of the other bottles were described on the outside as "Nitric Acid."

The defendant admitted that he was the principal tenant and his wife produced eight rent receipts, none of which, however, bore either the defendant's or his wife's name.

No counterfeit coin was found on any part of the premises.

After the Chinese detective had given evidence the case was adjourned till to-day when the Government Analyst will give evidence of the contents of the bottles found.

MORPHIA HAUL.

BIG SEIZURE ON BLUE FUNNEL SHIP.

It was revealed at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon that the Hongkong authorities made a much bigger haul than they had expected, of morphia and heroin, when they visited the Blue Funnel Laomedan some hours after its arrival here on Tuesday.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, the Government Opium Monoplist and Analyst, went on board at 5 p.m. and acting on information previously received, proceeded to the hold, where he broke open two of 12 cases included in a consignment described in the ship's documents as medicine and perfumes.

In one of the cases thus opened, he found 1,750 ounces of heroin and 238 ounces of morphia.

The Christie case recently revealed that as much as \$400 is paid in the Far East for an ounce of morphia. Taking the rate to be uniform for both classes of narcotics, it is reckoned that the value of the local seizure amounts to the figure of \$315,200.

The seizure was one of the biggest, made by local excise officers of morphia and its allied drugs within recent years.

According to particulars shown on the cases and on shipping documents, the consignment was shipped abroad at a continental port for Shanghai.

An application came before Mr. R. E. Lindsay yesterday for the confiscation of the drugs.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, produced certain sections of the Opium and Dangerous Drugs Ordinance, recently amended to take cognizance of the recommendations of the Geneva Conference.

In one of these sections, it was provided that in cases where drugs were to be re-exported a license should have been first obtained from Government.

Mr. Sayer was able to satisfy his Worship that such license had not been issued, in the present case.

The Magistrate accordingly made the order of confiscation as asked for.

CLOSING CRUISE.

PROGRAMME OF EIGHT ROWING EVENTS.

A somewhat ambitious programme of eight rowing events is to be held on the day of the Club's Closing Cruise, Saturday the 28th inst., in addition to the sailing races. The rowing programme is as follows:

2.45 p.m., the 4th Submarine Flotilla Cup for Hong v. Services Fours (1 mile).

3.15 p.m., The Dennison Cup for Junior Pairs (½ mile).

3.35 p.m., Race for Submarine Boats manned by naval ratings (¼ mile).

3.45 p.m., The Stock Exchange Cup for Club v. Services Fours (1 mile).

4.00 p.m., Race for Naval Whalers manned by naval ratings (1 mile).

4.15 p.m., The Smith Challenge Cup for Senior Pairs (¾ mile).

4.45 p.m., The Murdoch Kennett Cup for Club v. Senior Pairs (¾ mile).

5.00 p.m., Race for boat boys.

Training for these events is now in full swing. The Scots Guards, H.M.S. Titania, Taikoo and the Electric crews are out daily, as well as the Club "four." The Scots Guards have now settled down and are well together with a long easy stroke, with plenty of punch behind it, and an excellent recovery. Taikoo, after making a change at stroke and bow, have shown great improvement in the last two or three outings. The Electric crews are obviously not at all happy yet, and are not so well together as they were when they won the Horrell Cup in January; however, the regular coaching of Mr. F. J. Easterbrook is much improving the crew and they will doubtless be back to their form before Saturday week. The Club crew, after a change at stroke, who went to No. 2, is now settling down and showing considerable pace under the coaching of the Viceroy. Rev. Dean Swann and Mr. H. Dwyer, and the event for the Stock Exchange Cup should see a very fast race with a close finish between the Army, Navy and Club.

DEAL IN SEAWEEED.

OLD MAN VICTIM OF TRICK.

Remarking that it was a cruel thing to rob an old man of so much money, Major C. Willson yesterday sentenced a Chinese to three months' hard labour when the latter was found guilty of larceny by bail of \$500.

The complainant, an old man with a flowing beard, told his Worship that towards the end of March the defendant approached him in regard to a deal in seaweed. The old man had seaweed for sale and the defendant promised to act as a broker for him. On March 21, consequent to arrangements made by broker, a consignment of seaweed valued at \$600 was shipped from Aberdeen to a wharf near Salt Fishlane.

The goods were delivered in due course to a shop in Des Voeux Road West and payment was made to the broker, who made off with the money to Macau. In the meantime the old man went to the shop which took delivery of his seaweed and on learning the true state of affairs made a report to the police station.

The defendant, who was arrested in Macau, claimed that the old man allowed him a month in order to pay for the seaweed.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour and added that the fact that the defendant proceeded to Macau, after receiving the money from the shop was a clear indication of his guilt.

An interesting fact which was revealed in the evidence was that the seaweed is employed for the manufacture of artificial silk.

OUR DAILY TALK ON HEALTH.

SMOKING HABIT AFFECTING ADULTS.

RELATIVELY HARMLESS.

Editor's Note: This is the third of a series of four articles by Dr. Morris Fishbein, nationally known medical authority, on the effects of the tobacco habit. To-day Dr. Fishbein discusses tobacco as a poison. In the final article he will treat of the psychological effects of tobacco.

By Dr. Morris Fishbein.

Editor Journal of the American Medical Association and of "Hypnism," the Health Magazine.

The opponents of the use of tobacco, even in moderation, are inclined to list it with morphine, cocaine, alcohol and other habit-forming drugs.

There are indeed some who constantly oppose the use of coffee, believing that such artificial stimulation of the brain as it may arouse is undesirable even in adults. Professor W. E. Dixon of the department of pharmacology of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge asserts that the irritation of the throat which occurs following the use of tobacco in some instances is due to pyridine, a poison especially irritant to the tissues lining the mouth and throat.

Sensitive Persons Harmed.

The smoking of tobacco also produces a certain amount of carbon monoxide which produces symptoms in sensitive persons, but it is doubtful whether the amount of this gas taken in in ordinary smoking is sufficient to cause serious effects.

The most important constituent of tobacco from the standpoint of poisoning is nicotine, which varies of course in all types of tobacco and in the manner in which the material may be smoked.

Immediately behind the lighted end of a cigar is a moist area. The hot gases pass over this, volatilize the nicotine—the larger and hotter this area the larger the amount of nicotine in the smoke. The farther the cigar, the hotter this moist area and the greater the amount of nicotine in the smoke.

The cigarette has very little moist area, so a much larger percentage of nicotine is destroyed. Damp tobacco yields more nicotine than that which is dry.

Tests of tobacco smoking on mental power are contradictory. One group of observers shows that smoking lowers mental efficiency, especially in perception and in the association of ideas in from 10 to 22 per cent. of persons studied. Another investigator, however, found that the person who studied when smoking was able to do more rapidly and correct problems in arithmetic.

Doesn't Hurt Work.

An extensive study made of smoking as it affected the workers in the bottle making industry indicated that it had but little, if any, effect on the output of work, whereas chewing tobacco markedly diminished the output of work.

Prof. Dixon is convinced that smoking does not lead to addiction comparable with that for some of the narcotic drugs that have been mentioned. The addict to morphine or cocaine is constantly in fear of the withdrawal of his drug and the symptoms that are associated with withdrawal.

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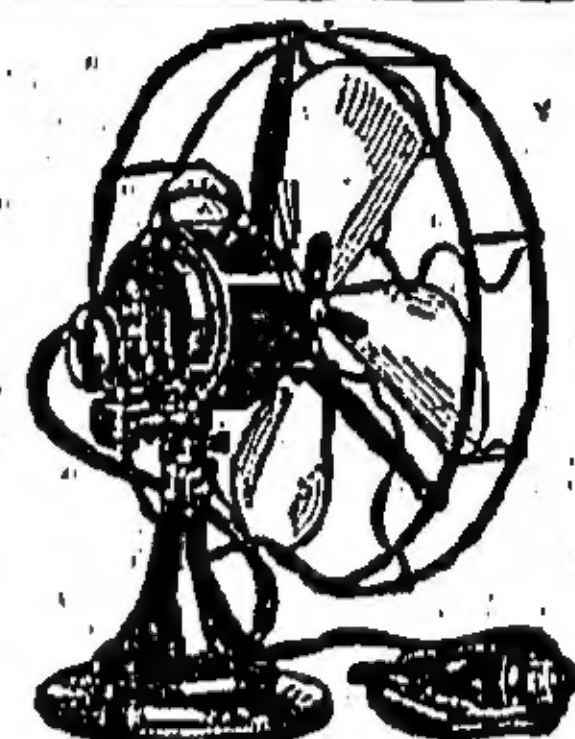
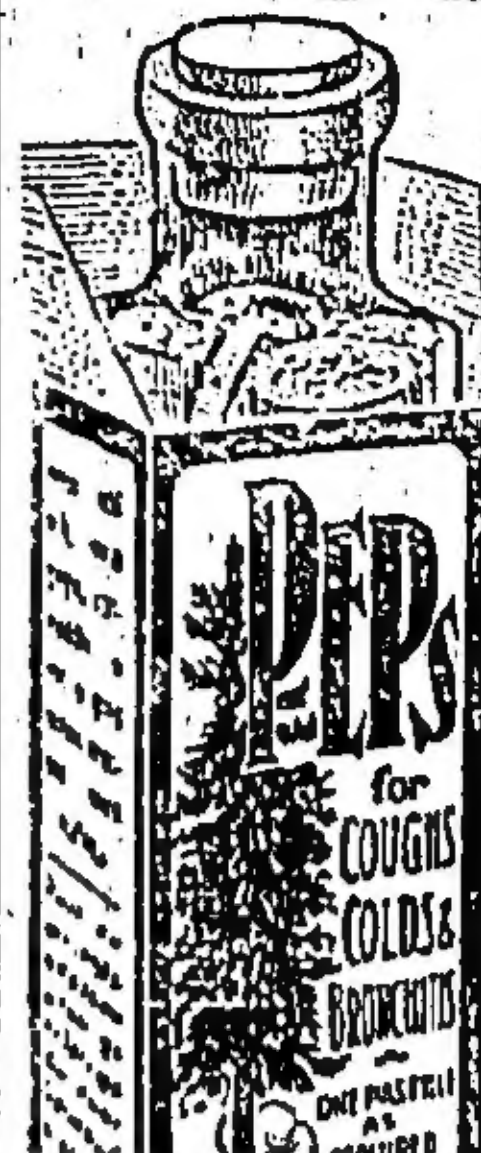
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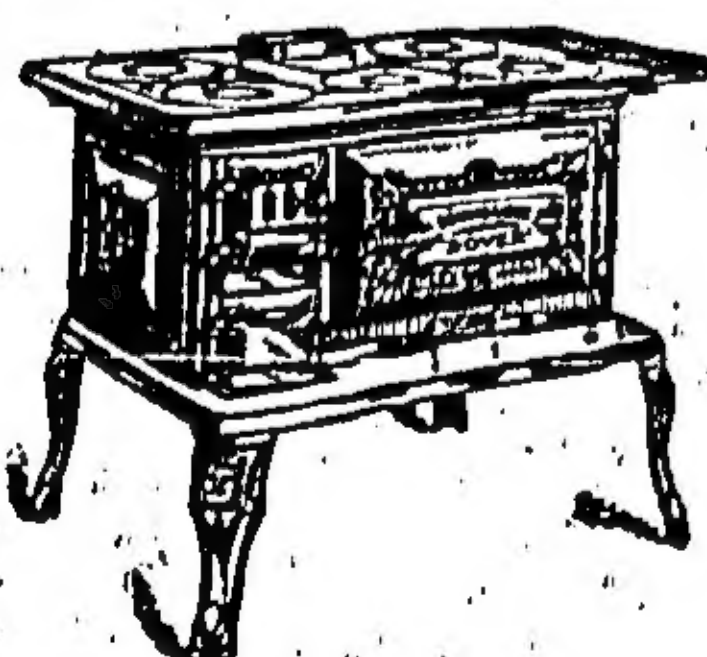
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GIRL ALONE

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CHAPTER XV.

While Ross Willis, awkward and embarrassed, shuffled to the canvas chair which Gus, the crier, wheeled forward, Sally reflected that there was no need for her to remember any of the multitudinous instructions with which Mrs. Bybee had primed her for her job of "seeress."

She curved her small, brown painted, gilded-nailed hands over the crystal and bent her veiled face low. In a seductive, sing-song voice she began to chant, bringing some of the words out hesitantly, as if English had been recently learned and came hard to her "Turkish" lips:

"I see ze beeg fields—wheat fields, corn fields—ees it not zo?" She raised her shaded eyes coyly to the face of the young farmer. The crowd pressed close, breathing hard, the odours of their breath and perspiration coming up on hot waves of summer air to the gayly dressed little figure on the platform.

"Yes'm, I mean, sure, Princess," Ross Willis stuttered, and the crowd laughed, pressed closer still. Two or three women waved quarters to attract the attention of Gus, the crier, who stood behind her, to aid her if necessary.

"You are—what you call it?—a farmer," Sally went on in her seductively deepened voice. Oh, it was fun to "play-act" and to be paid for it! "You vary reach young man. Vary beeg farmer. You have mother, father, I'll seester." Think heaven, her ears had been keen that night of Pearl's party, even if she had been inarticulate with shyness! "You are in love. I see a gir-rl, a beeg, pretty gir-rl with red hair an' blue eyes. Ees it not zo?" Her little low laugh was a gurgle, which started a shout of laughter in the crowd.

"Yeah, I reckon so," Ross Willis admitted, blushing more violently than ever.

"Oh, you Pearl!" a girl's voice shrilled from the crowd.

"You marry with thees gir-rl, have three v-ry nize child's," Sally went on, delightedly. After all, why shouldn't Pearl marry Ross Willis, since she could not have David? "Zol That ees all I see," she concluded with sweet gravity. "Zee creesal she go dark now."

Ross Willis thanked "Princess Lalla" awkwardly and dropped from the platform to the grass-strewn ground, entirely unaware that the marvellous seeress was little Sally Ford.

Confidence and mirth welled up in Sally. She began to believe in herself as "Princess Lalla," just as she had always more than half-believed that she was the queen or the actress whom she had impersonated in the old days so recently ended forever, when she had "played-acted" for the other orphans.

The next seer after knowledge of "past, present and future" was not so easy, but not very hard either, for the uninitiated was a girl, a pretty, very urban-looking girl, who wore a tiny solitary ring on her engagement finger and who had been clinging to the arm of an obviously adoring young man. For the pretty girl Sally, obligingly foretold a happy marriage with a "dark, tall young man, vary handsome!" a long journey, and "two children." The girl sparkled with pleasure, utterly unconscious of the fact that "Princess Lalla" had told her nothing of the past and very little of the present.

Quarters were thrust upon her thick and fast. Because of the brisk demand for her services, Sally gave only the briefest of "readings," and only a few muttered angrily that it was a swindle. To a middle-aged farmer she gave a bumper wheat crop, a new eight-cylinder car, a prospective son-in-law for the girl whom Sally had unerringly picked out as his unmarried daughter, and the promise of many splendid grandchildren. To a freckled, open-faced, engaging youngster of 10, thrust upon the platform by his adoring mother,



For her eyes had caught sight of a name which had been buried in her memory.

she grandly promised nothing less than the presidency of the United States, as well as riches and a beautiful wife.

Some of her prophecies, such as twin babies for the newly married couple, brought shouts of laughter from the crowd, and some of her vague guesses as to the past went very wide of the mark, as the applicants did not hesitate to tell her—the old maid, for instance, who looked so motherly that Sally lavishly endowed her with a husband and three children; but nearly everyone who paid a quarter for what "Princess Lalla" could see in the magic crystal went away wondering and thrilled and satisfied.

During the first lull between performances, Sally slipped out of the "Palace of Wonders" and drolly mingled with the crowds outside. It was all beautiful and wonderful to Sally, who had been to a circus only once in her life and never to a carnival before.

Before the tent which housed the big glass tank into which "bathing beauties" dived and in which they ate bananas and drank soda-pop under water, she encountered Winfield Bybee, enormous, majestic, benign, for it was a good crowd and a fine day, and money was pouring into his pockets.

"Well, well," he grinned down at her, "I hear from Gus that you're knocking 'em cold. Better run along in now, and you might see how many of the crowd you can make follow you into the Palace of Wonders. We don't want to give 'em too much of a free show. And remember, girly, for every quarter Princess Lalla earns a fortune-teller, little Sally Ford gets a nickel for herself. Don't take many nickels to make a dollar."

"Oh, Mr. Bybee, I'm so happy I'm about to burst," Sally cooed in him in a rush of gratitude. "But—do you think it's very wrong of me to pretend to be a crystal gazer when really I can't see a thing in it to save my life?"

Bybee bellowed with laughter, so that the crowd veered suddenly toward them. He stooped to whisper closer to her little brown-stained ear: "Don't you worry, sister. As old P. T. Barnum used to say, 'There's a sucker born every minute,' and old Winfield Bybee knows that they like to be fooled. You just kid 'em along and send 'em away happy and I reckon the good Lord ain't going to waste any black ink on your record to-night. It's worth a quarter to be told a lot of nice things about yourself, ain't it?"

As she tripped swiftly across the dusty lot toward the Palace of Wonders, the crowd following her grew larger and larger. Becoming bolder because she felt that she was really "Princess Lalla," and not timid little Sally Ford, she deliberately flirted with the men who pressed close upon her, even waved a little brown hand invitingly toward the big tent.

When she reached the tent door, the crier leaned down from his booth, behind which was set a small platform, and beckoned her to

ABLE TO STAMP OUT LEPROSY.

REMARKABLE DISCOVERY WILL REMOVE SCOURGE.

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Leprosy, scourge of the human race from the days of the Old Testament, can be stamped out entirely in all territory flying the British flag, according to Sir Leonard Rogers, honorary secretary of the British Empire Leprosy Relief Association and one of the most famous of British medical research scientists.

Sir Leonard, in an interview, described how teamwork between American and British doctors and research specialists has produced a treatment more efficacious than anything used before.

"We have touched goal," he asserted jubilantly. Sir Leonard pointed out that for half a century, scientists have known that leprosy is a bacillus disease, caught by infection through close contact with a leprosy person.

Start Toward Cure. "Our start towards a real cure," he said, "was when we began experimenting with chaulmoogra oil, which was obtained from a tree that grows in Burma. For centuries the natives of India had used this oil for leprosy cases. Whether they obtained actual cures is unknown, but they certainly had an idea of its medicinal values."

"Dr. Mowbray of the Indian Medical Service first introduced this oil to European medical science in 1854. It was then administered as the natives of India took it—by swallowing. But it sickened the patient, and had other bad effects."

The first big advance was made by an American, Dr. Ralph Hopkins, at the Louisiana state leper settlement, who procured an improved chaulmoogra oil. Then our Indian Medical Service discovered that an oil could be obtained from the fruit of the hydnocarpus tree in India, which had the same curative properties as chaulmoogra oil, yet lacked some of its ill effects.

Dr. Heiser's Work. "Then came a tremendous step forward," Dr. Victor Heiser of the Rockefeller Institute went to the Philippines to fight leprosy. For the first time, instead of making the patient swallow the oil, he injected it intra-muscularly. A great result was obtained. A year later, in 1916, Dr. Heiser came to see me in Calcutta and expressed the belief that if the hydnocarpus oil could be obtained in the form of soluble salts it could be injected into the veins instead of the muscles and would be far more effective."

"On this I worked for five years, and finally secured all the active principles of the oil in soluble form. We tried the intra-venous method suggested by Dr. Heiser and cleared up 41 per cent. of the leper cases in our hospital."

"The next advance was made by Americans at the Honolulu leper hospital. Drs. A. L. Dean and Dr. Hoomann got an improved solution they called ethyl esters. This drug could be used on a large scale in intra-muscular injections, thus avoiding clogging up the veins."

"Then, within the past two years, Britain took up the search again and got a solution of the hydnocarpus oil, which can be produced much more cheaply than anything hitherto known, and which can be injected intra-venously without pain. We have now touched goal."

"In the old days, the method of treating lepers was to segregate them in colonies, which was tantamount to life imprisonment in a limited area. Now our association is setting up leper treatment stations throughout the British Empire."

"In the old days terror of the leper colonies and shame and fear of the disease itself kept people away as long as they could conceal the disease. Naturally, we only got them when they were in the advanced stages. Now we are getting them in the earlier stages, when a cure is more easily effected."

"Even in the wilds of equatorial Africa the natives are beginning to show confidence. In Nigeria there was one station which had 360 cases. A year later it had 840. The lepers are beginning to report themselves freely and hopefully."

Early Examination. "Directly a case is found, we examine everyone in the house every six months for five years. Thus we get in touch with all contact cases. This clears up 80 per cent. of the cases."

"It is now possible for medical services, such as you and we possess, to stamp out all leprosy in territories under our flag."

Sir Leonard pointed out that leprosy is a more pressing problem for the British than for America. There are some 1200 lepers in the United States, 500 in

ECHO OF YANGTSE DISASTER.

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notified the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs that the owners of the Atsuta Maru had agreed to a fifth member of the board of arbitrators.

No Compensation?

The Japanese communication, however, specifically stated that the arbitrators were not to deal with the matter of compensation for the relatives of the victims. The board, it was set forth, was to have nothing to do with the matter.

In his reply Mr. Quo stated that public opinion would be aroused against the Japanese if the matter of the dead were neglected in favour of the claims of the shipping company.

Que Makes Requests.

Mr. Quo also asked the Japanese Consul-General to agree to the following:

1.—If the Japanese ship is found by the arbitrators to have been responsible for the disaster the indemnity for each life should be not less than \$11,000.

2.—If the Japanese ship is held not to have been responsible, then the Japanese will pay a certain amount for condolence fee only, and nothing more.

The Shanghai Sunday Times was informed yesterday that the request of the Commissioner of Foreign Affairs has been transmitted by the Japanese Consulate to Tokyo, and that a reply will shortly be received.

PRINCE'S WISH IS FULFILLED.

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London district collections include the following:—Kensington £3,789, Wandsworth £3,496, Marylebone £2,919, Chelsea £2,399, Hampstead £2,059, Finsbury £1,436, Willesden £1,224, Wimbledon £1,292, and Finsbury £1,008.

Over £2,000,000 Raised.

The late Field Marshal Earl Haig took the keenest interest in the growth of his "Poppy Day" Appeal, and it was very sad that he did not live long enough to see the first half million reached. The "Poppy Day" appeal, since its inception in 1921 has raised approximately £2,363,000 for the cause of distressed ex-service men, and has been the means of permitting an enormous amount of beneficent work to be carried out on their behalf.

The totals for each year since 1921 have been:—1921, £106,000; 1922, £204,000; 1923, £259,000; 1924, £350,000; 1925, £395,000; 1926, £435,000; 1927, £504,000.

The total quantity of poppies sold on Remembrance Day 1927 was approximately three millions more than the corresponding figure for 1926, and it is gratifying to note that this increased demand for poppies, as well as for Flanders Poppy Wreaths, has permitted the engagement of a further twenty severely disabled ex-service men at the British Legion Poppy Factory at Richmond—the Factory of Remembrance.

Each year the demand for poppy wreaths has grown—and the demand now is not only for wreaths for placing in connexion with Armistice Day ceremonies, but for despatch at all times of the year for the funeral of any ex-service man in this country, or for placing in War Cemeteries overseas. These Wreaths can be placed on any British soldier's grave overseas at an additional charge of only 2/6d. A fully illustrated price list may be obtained from the Headquarters of Earl Haig's British Legion Appeal Fund at 26, Eccleston Square, London, S.W.1.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

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FRENCH ELECTIONS.

COMFORTABLE MAJORITY EXPECTED.

Paris, Apr. 19.
The main issue in the French elections, wherein the first ballot is on the 22nd and the second and final ballot on the 29th, is the question of the continuance of the Poincare government and its financial policy. The odds are strongly in favour of a comfortable majority for Poincareism, which means a cabinet composed of leaders of all parties of order (as opposed to parties of revolution), who agree to sink party differences to ensure a working majority of the right, centre and left, which will set France's financial house in order.

M. Poincare, as in 1920, remains the only statesman capable of controlling such a mixed detachment of political stars. An element of uncertainty arises from the fact that the elections hold under a revision to the old system of "scrutin de arrondissement," with one member per constituency as in Britain but two ballots.

The radical-socialists and socialists, who were responsible for the abandonment of the hybrid proportional representation of 1919 and 1924 reckon to gain by the change. The general prediction is that the new chamber will not differ widely from its predecessor.—Reuter.

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NORTHERN DEBACLE.

ARMY OF 20,000 MEN DESTROYED.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.
With reference to the report of yesterday that Sun Chuan-fang was occupying Kuyeh, Yutai and Fenghsien, and possibly Tangshan, his object being to reach Heuchowfu, he had been carrying out an offensive with the objective of cutting the Lunghai Railway at Kweitch and from thence turning Chiang Kai-shek's left flank.

Rapid Advance.

Peking, Apr. 19.
Feng Yu-hsiang's advance has completely frustrated Sun Chuan-fang's operation and has resulted in the destruction of Sun Chuan-fang's army of 20,000 men. Feng Yu-hsiang has occupied Taining. The debacle forced Marshal Chang Chung-chang to retreat to Yenohowfu. He will probably be compelled to endeavour to concentrate his forces at Taining.

Feng Yu-hsiang is also advancing along the north bank of the Yellow River.

The Fengtien forces have evacuated Changteh and Tamingfu.

Communications Cut.

Foreign messages show while Sun Chuan-fang was pressing toward Lunghai, he did not leave sufficient forces to guard his flank, hence Feng Yu-hsiang seized the opportunity to cut Sun's communications.

After the fighting at Kuyeh the Kuomintang advanced and occupied Taining on the 17th.

One of Sun's armies under Li Pao-chang was annihilated.

The whereabouts of the remainder of Sun's forces is unknown but some are believed to be at Yutai. The Kuomintang capture of Taining has caused the Shantungites to withdraw from the Tsinpu line. They fell back on Taowhsien on the 17th but being partly surrounded there they fell back on the 18th on Yenohow. It is believed that Chang Chung-chang intends to concentrate at Taining.—Reuter.

Sanguinary Struggle.

Shanghai, Apr. 19.
Giving as an example the sanguinary struggle going on in Shantung, reliable foreign sources state that Chiang Kai-shek has lost 20,000 men of whom 2,500 were killed, including a general and three colonels in the 36 hours fighting which ended in the capture of Lin-cheng.—Reuter.

Japanese Troops.

Tokyo, Apr. 19.
In view of the increasing seriousness of the situation in Shantung, the Cabinet has decided to despatch three companies from Tientsin to Tsinan, a mixed brigade of 5,000 from Kumamoto and also a telegraph corps and railway detachment to Tsingtao for the purpose of protecting Japanese lives and property. Owing to the preparations entailed, the troops from Japan will not be leaving till April 23, though the troops from Tientsin are expected to reach Tsinan on April 21.—Reuter.

Official Statement.

Tokyo, Apr. 19.
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TRIP NOT OVER.

Lake St. Agnes, Apr. 19.
"We have not reached New York yet and until we do our trip is not over," declared Commander Fitzmaurice when he landed here to obtain spare parts for the "Bremen." He said it would be two or three days before he could get back to Greenly Island and it would take another few days to repair the plane. The ice on Greenly Island was ten feet thick and he anticipated no difficulty in taking off with wheels, but if necessary they would use skis and make an intermediate landing at Lake St. Agnes, where they would replace the wheels.—Reuter's American Service.

plaining the reason for the dispatch of troops to Shantung. The statement is practically the same as that of last June and emphasises that it is purely for the protection of Japanese lives and property and that strict neutrality will be observed.—Reuter.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT FOR LAST YEAR.

Mrs. H. Green, the Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, in his report for year 1927, says:

Alterations to earth banks were undertaken in the immediate vicinity of the plant houses in the Old Garden, this and the rebuilding of a retaining wall enabled a much needed compound and water tank to be established.

A 15 year old tree of *Cassia javanica* flowered for the first time and produced a fine show of large pink blooms.

The total number of young trees and plants sold during the year was 1681.

Forestry.

Formation of Pine Tree Plantations.—Increased areas were dealt with during the year, and the number of *in situ* sowings of seed of *Pinus Massoniana* amounted to 197,476 as against 70,500 in 1926. Not less than five seeds were sown in each site in order to allow for failure and damage by small animals and birds; the total weight of seed used in this method of re-afforestation was 115 pounds.

The areas dealt with were West Bay peninsula, Mount Collinson, Stanley Mount Catchwater, Tai Wo Po, Shek Li Pui reservoir area, Kowloon Tsai, hills adjoining Kowloon Bay, Castle Peak near the Police Station, Tai Po Forestry Reserve and bare hills in the Peak District.

Other and more grassy areas where germination of seeds without preparation of sites may be expected were sown by the broadcast method, the total weight of seeds of *Pinus Massoniana* used in this work was 995 pounds; trials are now being made with *Leucaena glauca* and 129 pounds of seeds of this tree were used, experimental sowings were made with small lots of *Pinus insularis*, *Cunninghamia sinensis*, *Acacia pennata* and *Acacia confusa*.

The planting of roadside trees for shade and decorative purposes was maintained and extended during the year, a large number of trees were killed or damaged by the gale of August 20th and could not be replaced before the end of the year; the force of the gale did most damage between Castle Peak and Sheung Shui, where many fine specimens of *Melaleuca Leucadendron* were destroyed.

Increased motor traffic necessitated the removal of a number of large shade trees from the sides of the motor roads.

Other felling was carried out in connection with the development of building sites, the formation of dairy farms and the leasing of the necessary grass growing areas adjoining the farms, extensions of cemeteries and work in connection with reservoir catchment areas.

Planting of shade and flowering trees, shrubs and creepers was carried on in large numbers of otherwise unused small open spaces in all parts of the Colony.

Undergrowth Clearing.

Anti-malarial clearing has now been extended to Tai Po district where systematic removal of undergrowth is carried out in the vicinity of houses and public buildings twice annually.

During the year the total areas cleared in connexion with anti-malarial measures totalled 8,905,835 square feet, for other purposes

such as surveys, training of nullahs and other public improvements the areas cleared amounted to 2,642,805 square feet.

Pine Tree Caterpillars (*Eutricha punctata*) appeared in the Pine plantations in many parts of the Colony in March and were in evidence at the end of the year; serious damage was done to Pine trees during the month of June. Collection and burying of this caterpillar was commenced when there was no longer any hope of weather conditions destroying the pest; the total amount collected and destroyed in all parts of the Colony was 14,837 pounds.

A total of 89 hill and plantation fires occurred during the year, no serious damage was done to any Government plantation but large numbers of wild trees on the slopes of Tai Mo Shan were destroyed. Little or no assistance in dealing with fires was given by village people living within short distances of the burnt areas; most of the fires appeared to be due to careless dropping of lighted tobacco or matches.

Forest Guards Service.

The total number of persons arrested and charged with forestry offences during the year was 355; of these 300 were fined or imprisoned, 26 cautioned, 10 had their bail forfeited, 10 were discharged, six bound over in personal bonds of \$100 each and charges against three were withdrawn.

Fifteen persons who were convicted of a second and in some cases of a third or fourth forestry offence were banished. A number of the persons so dealt with lived entirely on the proceeds of timber and other thefts and their absence from the Colony has undoubtedly lessened the destruction of mature timber in the older plantations.

Chiefly as a result of penalties inflicted and warnings given in District Officers' Courts, the amount of illicit felling of the larger indigenous trees in outlying districts was much less than during the past five years.

Efforts are still being made to stop the cutting of New Year Flower (*Encianthus quinquefolius*) and notices are now posted in all parts of the Colony for some weeks prior to Chinese New Year warning the villagers against destroying this flowering shrub; this and the fact that a plentiful supply is now brought down from Canton has had the effect of lessening the more serious wholesale cuttings but thefts of small quantities in the Wanchai Gap and Tytam districts were again numerous.

Agriculture, etc.

A general exhibit of foreign vegetables was staged at the first, New Territories Agricultural Show which was held at Sheung Shui on November 7th and 8th. More interest is now displayed in the cultivation of both foreign and native vegetables for local consumption; this is chiefly due to increased motor transport and the communication between the Hongkong markets and the New Territories villages which was established during labour troubles and consequent shortage of fresh vegetables during 1925.

As the outcome of a Board of Trade inquiry into an explosion at a manufacturing confectionery, Hull, by which one girl was killed and a workman injured, the firm was ordered to pay £20 towards the cost of the inquiry and the makers of the plant £25.

"THE DUCHESSSES."

NEW CANADIAN PACIFIC "ATLANTIC LINERS."

From the local office of the Canadian Pacific Steamship, Ltd., comes a beautifully illustrated booklet giving particulars of the new "Duchess" steamers of the Canadian Pacific on the Atlantic.

The first of the four, the Duchess of Atholl, was launched from the Clyde in November of last year. There are three others, the Duchess of Bedford, Duchess of Richmond and Duchess of Cornwall, all of which will be in the Liverpool, Quebec and Montreal service by 1929.

The Duchess embody in their design and in the arrangement, spaciousness and beauty of their passenger accommodations, many unusual innovations and departures from accepted standards. The Duchess of Atholl, of 20,000 tons gross register, will be the largest steamer sailing to and from the port of Montreal. Sixteen hundred people can travel in comfort—600 in the cabin class, 500 in the tourist third cabin rooms, and 500 third class passengers. In the cabin class staterooms the standard type of berth has been superceded by luxurious beds such as one is accustomed to at home and the rooms are equipped with all those conveniences which one expects to find only in a modern metropolitan hotel.

The Canadian Pacific have introduced in their Duchess ships new features in connexion with tourist third cabin service. This class of travel has become very popular among students, teachers and others who desire to travel comfortably and economically, and in the Duchess of Atholl and her sister ships there are many improvements which will doubtless be greatly appreciated, including a children's room. All the tourist staterooms have running hot and cold water laid on a large ward-robe space and wide berths. The lounge is an enormous and artistically decorated room and the dining room has accommodation for 250 people.

Considerable improvements have also been effected in the third class or steerage accommodation. The dining room has separate tables and there is an excellent lounge and a smoking room.

Many Hongkong people travelling via Canada and the United States will doubtless take advantage of the opportunity to travel in these new and luxurious steamers.

CANTON OBSERVATORY

INSTALLATION IN SUN YAT-SEN UNIVERSITY.

As proposed by the authorities in the Sun Yat-sen University, Canton, an Observatory is being constructed on an artificial hill in its interior, in order to make astronomical and physical observations, and to enable the students to study the astronomy. For this purpose the Government has allowed a sum of \$30,000 as subsidy for the construction, of which only \$15,000 has so far been received by the university, and the Government has now been requested to issue the balance, so as to be able to complete the work at an early date. It is heard that a quantity of the necessary apparatus, valued at over \$17,500, has been ordered from France, America and Germany.

It is feared that the university has received a letter from the International Astronomical Union, asking it to assist in furthering the study of Terrestrial Observations and report its results.

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MALWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEPPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
MIRZAPORE	6,715	19th June.	Straits & Bombay
RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
TALMA	10,000	3rd May.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ALIPORE	5,273	3rd May.	Moji & Kobe
TAKIWA	7,936	7th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
TANDA	6,956	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
DEVANHA	8,155	11th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Osaka
DELTA	8,097	11th May.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
MIRZAPORE	6,715	24th May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
RANPURA	16,601	25th May.	S'hai, Kobe & Yok
TILAWA	10,996	2nd June.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
NANKIN	7,058	5th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yok
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yok
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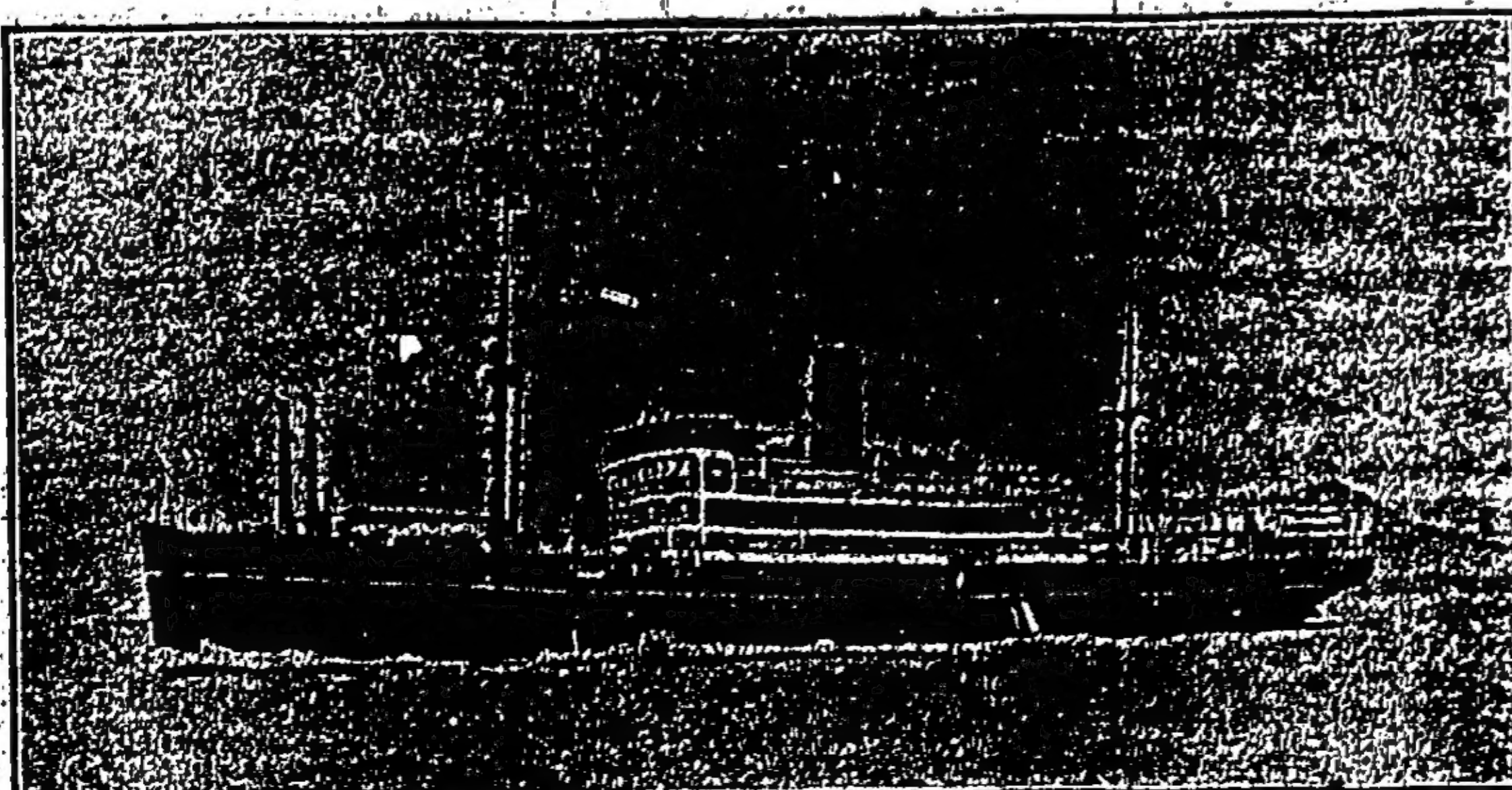
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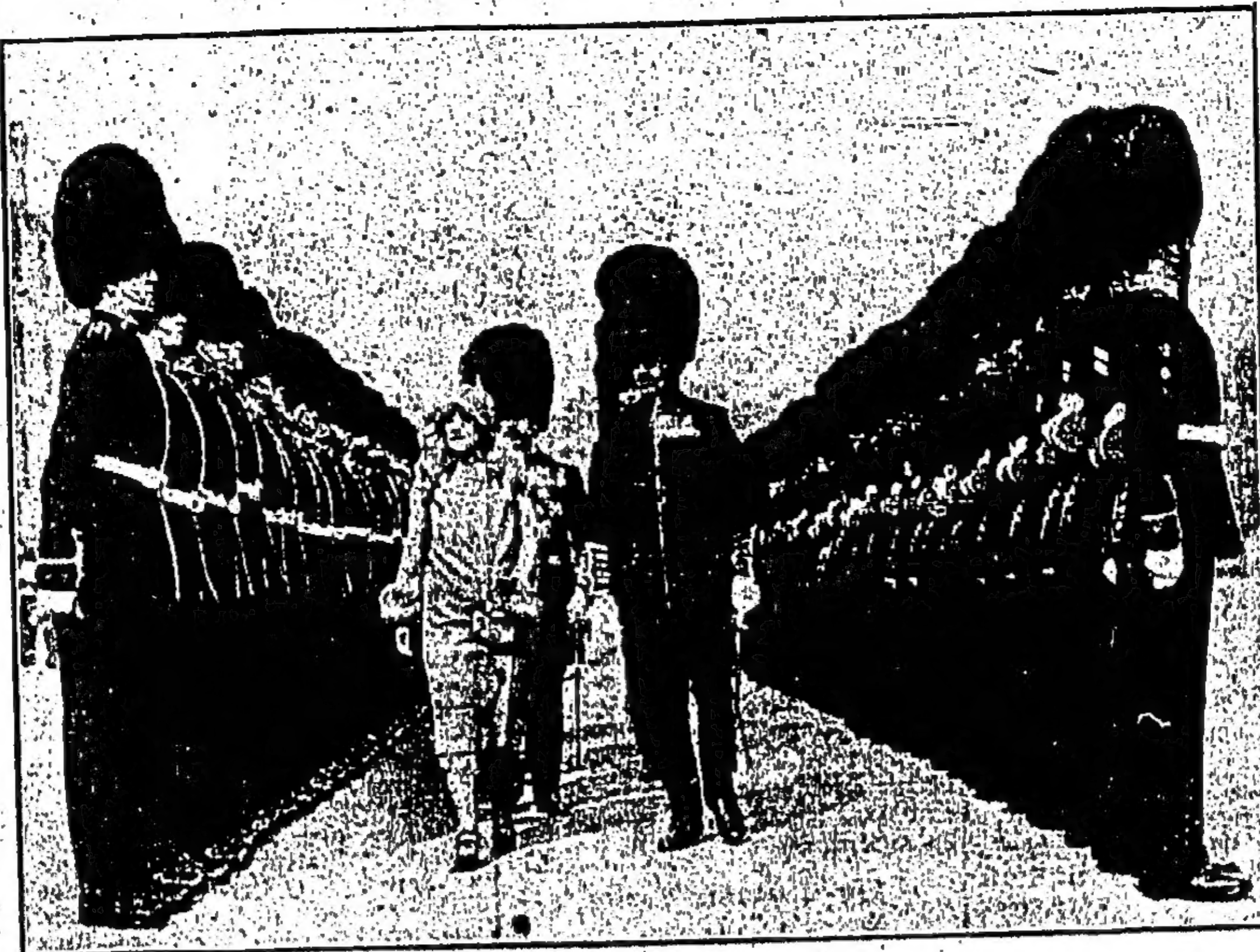
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The Duchess of York inspecting the Irish Guards on Shamrock Day in London. This ceremony used to be performed by Queen Alexandra.

PREMIER AMUSED AT TITLE.

WELCOMES "MISHANDLING" DEBATE.

FIXED FOR NEXT WEEK.

London, Apr. 19.
The Rt. Hon. Mr. J. R. Clynes asked in the House of Commons to-day for an early date to be fixed for the Opposition debate on the "mishandling" by the Government of the rubber question.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin replied that he was so attracted by the title of the discussion (laughter) that he would like it to be heard at the earliest possible date.

He promised to afford an early date but said that the House would not be furnished with the Civil Research Committee's report on which the Government decision was taken, prior to the debate.

Later it was announced that the Premier had fixed April 26th for the rubber debate.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald is expected to lead the Opposition attack.—*Reuter.*

Government Action Explained.

Singapore, Apr. 19.
Speaking at Kuala Lumpur Mr. Ormsby-Gore said that the reason the Government had decided to abandon rubber restriction lay in the unsatisfactory nature of the facts and figures connected with the industry. Money and science had been lavishly expended in an attempt to defeat the policy of restriction by cheapening reclaimed rubber and the use of less real rubber.

It was inevitable when government tied up commerce that difficulties should arise. The industry's only hope was to become more efficient and he advised the growers to give practical support to the Rubber Research Institute. He emphasised that the government had taken no decision against British interests but state action was useless. The industry must stand alone.—*Reuter.*

NEW YACHT FOR THE GOVERNOR.

"BRITANNIA" LAUNCHED THIS MORNING.

The new yacht, Britannia, built for His Excellency the Governor, was launched at the shipyard of Ah King this morning, the ceremony being performed by Miss Clementi in the presence of His Excellency, Lady Clementi and a number of other distinguished guests.

His Excellency was attended by Captain Dowbiggin, A.D.C., others present being Commander J. B. Newell, (Harbour Master), Mr. Swann (Government Marine Surveyor), Mr. R. R. Roxburgh (Thorneycroft and Co.) and Mrs. Roxburgh.

Subsequent to the launching, toasts were drunk to the success of the new vessel, those by whom she would be employed and her builders. The new launch is a twin-screw craft, engine to 75 h.p., with a Thorneycroft kerosene equipment. Her dimensions are:—Length, 75 feet; beam, 14.5 feet; and depth, 8.6 feet.

SELLING CHINESE CHILDREN.

PACKED IN TRUNKS FOR TRANSPORT.

SOME FOUND DEAD.

Changchow, Apr. 2.
There has been a wave of kidnapping children in Changchow the past week. Several have been taken: some of them have been found, but too late to save the lives of some of them.

In one instance, a wheelbarrow was taking a load of trunks to the station; in the trunks were children, and somehow the men pushing the load of precious life gave away the secret to one of the station police.

When the trunks were opened some of the children were dead, their mouths being packed with cotton and then their lips made secure. Their hands were made fast behind their bodies. There was a small hole in each trunk to let in a little air. What suffering they must have gone through! They were being carried to Shanghai for sale.

One little girl was sold in Changchow. The woman said she was so poor she could not keep the child and so pawned her for \$6. The parents were looking for the lost child when they suddenly ran across her at the door of the family who had just bought her. The woman who had committed the crime was caught. Some of these kidnappers have been caught and are being held till the others are found.—*Shanghai Times.*

UNEASY FEELING IN PEKING.

(Continued from Page 1.)

line of his armies. Troops in Shantung are to retreat to the north bank of the Yellow River, the units on the Peking-Hankow line are to move back to Paoing, whilst in the Shanai districts there will soon be a general retirement of the Fengtien armies. It is stated that the Peking leaders have resolved to abandon the idea of fighting General Yen Shi-shan.

Martial Law has also been enforced in Tsingtau and Tientsin.

Assurance to Foreigners.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry of Kiangsu Province announces that on Wednesday Marshal Chiang Kai-shek informed the authorities of the foreign Settlements in Shanghai that the Nationalist Government will assume the responsibility of protecting the property and lives of foreigners living inside the war zone.

The Kiangsu Nationalist leader, General Chu, Pei-ich, together with two other Nationalist leaders, arrived at Haichowfu on Wednesday morning to take part in the Northern Expedition. General Chu has been appointed as Commander of the Nationalist troops on the fifth route.

On Wednesday, the Nationalist Government appointed General Hu Tsung-tu, a Hunan Nationalist leader, as Commissioner of the Wuchang-Hankow Political Council, and General Mow Pei-nam as Commissioner of the Nanking Military Council. It is noteworthy that General Mow is a leader of the "Ironsides," which recently joined in the Northern Expedition.

DEATH OF "FATHER" OF LORDS.

LORD EVERSLEY DIES AT AGE OF 97.

A FAMOUS LIBERAL.

It is with much regret that we record the death which occurred yesterday, in his ninety-seventh year, of Lord Eversley, the "Father" of the House of Lords. The announcement is cabled by *Reuter.*

Better known as Mr. Shaw Lefevre, he was a prominent Liberal member of the House of Commons for over forty years, and served as a Cabinet Minister under Mr. Gladstone on many occasions. First elected to Parliament in 1863, he sat for Reading until 1885, when he was defeated by Mr. Charles T. Murdoch. He resumed his place in the Commons by winning the Central Bradford constituency and sat for that division until 1895. He was created Baron in 1906.

Lord Eversley had a most remarkable Parliamentary career. A most convincing speaker, he occupied many highly important Cabinet posts. He carried the vote in the House of Commons for the arbitration of the Alabama claims, 1868; was Secretary to the Board of Trade under Mr. Bright, 1869-71, carried the General Trunkways Act, Under-Secretary Home Office, 1871, Secretary to the Admiralty, 1871-74, First Commissioner of Works, 1881-83, Postmaster-General, 1883, in which capacity he established the 6d. telegram.

He was chairman of many important committees, principally those which had to deal with the Married Woman's Property Act, the Bright Clauses of the Irish Land Act, the London Parochial Charities Act, the Agricultural Holdings Act, and Railway Charges.

He has written extensively, his publications including English and Irish Land Questions, Incidents of Coercion, Peel and Ireland, the Partitions of Poland, the Turkish Empire, its Growth and Decay, and an autobiography.

RAIN AND FOG FORECAST.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over North China. The Indo-China depression has deepened and is now central to the north-west of Haiphong. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; overcast; rain; fog.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—
1. Joe Hockey. 2. Chicago. 3. Margate. 4. A famous park just outside Paris. 5. She was to marry the ad-
mirer who could best her in a race. Hippo-
crates, by tempting her to stop and pick up
three golden apples which he threw on the
ground. 6. Wilfrid. 7. A course. 8. An office of profit or honour without
duties attached. 9. "Forgo" means "to
go before." 10. "Forgo" means "to relinquish." 11.
A perfect fifth. 12. The sequel of Cal-
ifornia; some Australian encryptions grow
taller, but they are of much less circumference.
13. Brutus and Cassius.

Detectives are making inquiries into the loss of jewellery worth about £1,000 belonging to Miss Dorothy Vaughan, of Regent Court, Park-road, N.W. Miss Vaughan, it is stated, travelled by car from Maidenhead to her home. On her arrival she missed a case contain-
ing the jewellery.

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